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# World plea to end carnage

prime minister of Israel, and the PLO rael, and the PLO leader Yasser Arafat to retrieve the crumbling peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians were were recommendated by the results of the results of the rate of the r last night after gunfire in the heart of Jerusalem's most the death toll in three days to

Seven Palestinians and three Israelis were killed in the latest round of clashes. Three of the Palestinian dead were Muslim worshippers in Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque, the third holiest place in all Islam. They died when troops were heavily stoned at the conclusion of Friday noon prayers, and responded with a close-range hail of rubber

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More fierce clashes erupted in the Gaza Strip, where Is-rael used helicopter gunships to attack Palestinian rioters, and in several parts of the occupied West Bank.

The apparently unstoppable outpouring of hatred and violence has deeply alarmed the international community. which sent a series of frantic pleas to both sides to stop risk-ing the collapse of the entire Middle East peace process.

As the United Nations met in crisis session, the US State Department mounted a blitz urgent calls to Mr Netanyahu and Mr Arafat to see reason. US officials said Mr Arafat was refusing to meet Mr Ne-tanyahu until the new entunnel near the Al-Aqsa mosque was closed. It was the which sparked the latest

israel could do more to defuse the crisis. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, urged Mr Netanyahu to keep the tunnel closed and withdraw his forces from the West Bank town of Hebron. He planned to propose the measures to the UN Security Council.

Although the tunnel is said it will re-open-

[occupied] territories and to

day not in reason, but in

The bloodletting at the al-Aqsa mosque was both wea-rily predictable and bizarre. An apparently sparse congre armed and riot-equipped Isthe edges of the mosque

Within minutes the shoot-ing had started: long rippling volleys of what sounded like and was later confirmed by

cipient riot dead.

Reporters counted more than 30 Palestinians being carried, limp and bloodled. from the mosque, along with five police casualties. Virtu-

throwing at our forces there was no choice but to fin ish dealing with the demon-strators. The truth is we didn't make any use of live ammunition. Rubber bullets were used and maybe one tear-gas grenade," police chief Assaf Hefetz said on Is-

closed for a Jewish holiday, the Israeli government has ians and paralysed the Old City, normally thronged with

Britain, France, and Germany launched a joint appeal for the Israeli and Palestinian

gation — reporters and other infidels are not allowed to enter the mosque on Fridays had just completed the mid-day worship when a hail of stones flew towards heavily raeli forces clustered round

police commanders to be, rub-ber bullets.

They were deadly enough, fired at close range and with evident intent to stop the in-

The stoning and firing sparked a virtual invasion of the mosque compound, as heavily protected police charged into al-Aqsa, swing-ing batons. Women from the congregation fled in panic, some of them in evident shock, and others chanting

NTENSE diplomatic efforts to persuade Binyamin Netanyahu, the prime minister of less than the state of less to be the only way to restore calm durably in the location of less than the state of the state of less than the state of

identical messages.

But the reality in the Holy
Land was measured yester-

ally all the Palestinian wounded had been hit in the head, apparently at close

insults at the Israelis. There was massive stone

Rubber bullets or live, the



Bloody footprints among worshippers' shoes at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque, the third holiest place in Islam, where troops killed three Palestinians yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: KHALED ZGHAR

tourists as well as worshippers. An estimated 3,000 police, including paramilitary forces, were on duty within the 16th century walls, with another small army of 10,000 security forces deployed throughout the mod-

ern city. In the occupied West Bank, there were more vicious dis-

Four Palestinians and two | a stone throwing mob at-Israeli paramilitary police | tacked Israeli troops. In Tulwere shot dead

The violence continues to spread in the territory, with fresh outbreaks reported from the hitherto tranquil town of Jericho in the Jordan Valley, and in Tulkarm in the north-west.

Three Palestinians were shot dead outside Jericho, as

karm, two Israeli paramilitary police and a Palestinian were killed in exchanges of

In Rafah, at the south end of the Gaza Strip, Israeli helicopter gunships fired on rioters and wounded at least

The clash occurred after

Israel radio said shots were eing fired from Egyptian te ritory, apparently by Pales tinians. Six Israeli soldiers were reported wounded.

including a senior officer, flow into the dusk start of the

Palestinians surged into an Israeli military post close to the border with Egypt, abandoned on Thursday night. as the sole instigator of the bloodshed, page 5; Martin

"Entertaining ...

comically inspired"

Guardian

israeli blunder that led to

## Firm does U-turn over race hate CD after legal threat

NE of Britain's larges compact disc manufacturers last night bowed to intense pressure for action against the producers of the most violently racist skin-head CD seen in this country. Nimbus Manufacturing UK, based near Cardiff, has called

for the anti-fascist magazine | every track carries gloating | tel in the German town of | check it all. "Our position is archlight warned that Barbecue in Rostock by No Remorse blatantly contravened race relations legislation, and could leave the com pany open to prosecution.
Nimbus presses CDs for mainstream acts, including

The CD contains lyrics which advocate the murder of

references to the holocaust. The chorus of The Niggers Came Over, for example, contains the lyrics: "Shoot the Niggers! The Pakis too! Hang the Reds and we'll gas the Jews". The second verse bein a body bag."

gins: "If you're black you're oing back, With a bit of luck

the company provoked fury with its refusal to ban No Remorse and other Nazi bands, despite their extremist

Before the last-minute Uturn, Howard Nash, the managing director, told the

academy, other countries'

academies, professors of liter

ature and history and former

The grizzled singer-song

writer was nominated by Pro-

fessor Gordon Ball, of the Vir-

ginia Military Institute. "I received a form from the

wrote a letter nominating Dy-

Nobel laureates

Rostock by neo-Nazis in 1992. that we do not examine the The backdown came after material that is sent to us . . . Obviously this is not the sort of thing we would like to be ssociated with, but basically it is a cost decision. But last night he conceded

that action was required. Gerry Gable, editor of Searchlight, said: "In 30 years which advocate the murder of The title track refers to the Guardian the company dealt of investigating the extreme section 23

Jews and blacks, and almost firebombing of a refugee hose with too much material to right I have never seen or Order Act.

ing and insulting Nazi music Everyone involved in the performing and distribution of this album should be

According to legal opinion obtained by Searchlight from leading race law barrister Nimbus may have been guilty of a criminal offence under section 23 of the 1986 Public

## It's alright, ma, I've just been nominated for the Nobel Prize for Literature



Bob Dylan: 'great artist'

Dan Glaister

You've been with the professors and they've all liked your You've been through all of F Scott Fitzgerald's books Bollad Of A Thin Man — Bob

HIRTY years on, the pro-fessors have turned their attention from looks to words, with the news that Bob Dylan has been nominated for the

Although he's not known as novelist and isn't strictly speaking a poet, Dylan still qualifies for the £600,000 prize. Following a campaign by a group of his fans based in Norway, the one-time folk who went electric. found God and then em-

an American military The Nobel Academy, which decides the winner, limits wide influence of his songs nominators to members of the and literature. He has

barked on a seemingly end-less world tour has been nominated by a professor at lan in response to the appeal from the fans in Oslo," said Mr Ball yesterday. "He deserves to be nominated because of the world-

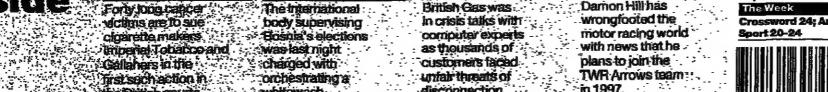
restored the oral tradition with his minstrelry. His work qualifies as both poetry and

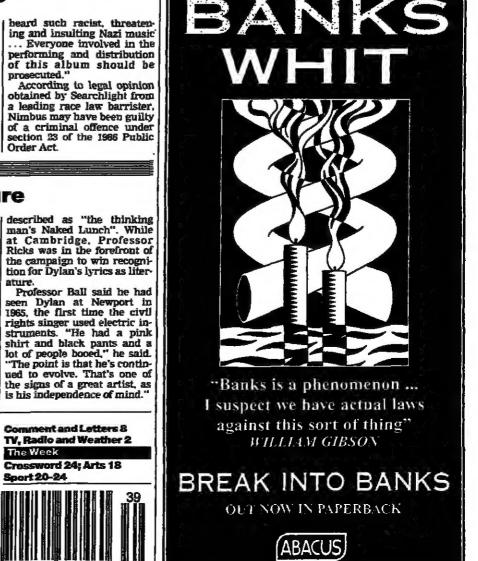
Christopher Ricks, leading Dylanologist and professor of English at Boston University, said: 'It doesn't surprise me that he's been nominated. Getting it would be an amazing recognition. If the question is does anybody use words better than he does, then the answer in my opinion is no.'

Professor Ricks noted that Dylan had written one novel, Tarantula, in 1970, which he is his independence of mind."

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## Campaign to free Vanunu after 10 years in prison

Richard Norton-Taylor

NTI-NUCLEAR campaigners are stepping up their campaign to free Mordechai Vanunu, the Israeli whistleblower who disappeared from London in the company of a female agent from Mossad, the Israeli secret service, 10 years ago on

Monday. Vanunu, a technician at Israel's nuclear plant at Di-mona in the Negev desert. was convicted of treason at a secret trial and sentenced to

He has spent the last 10 years in solitary confinementtreated worse, his supporters say, than Yigal Amir, assassin of the former Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin.

The Israeli government says he can't be released because he still knows nuclear secrets which have not been published; that's absolute rubbish," Frank Barnaby, a nuclear scientist and former director of the Stockholm International Peace Research,

said yesterday.

Dr Barnaby, who was present at the trial, said Vanunu knew nothing more than what he told the Sunday Times, who published his story a week after he was abducted.

Mr Vanunu was taken to Rome by a Mossad agent, who used the name Cindy, before being bound and secretly shipped to Israel. Questions remain about the

extent of the British govern-ment's knowledge of the

Shimon Peres, then Israeli orime minister, told journal-ists in 1986 that he contacted his opposite number, Margaret Thatcher, about Vanunu's presence in Britain before the

Mossad operation Yael Lotan, an Israeli journalist. said yesterday that Vanunu, who is held in Ashkelon prison, south of Tel Aviv. was becoming more and more passive. He is allowed to see his brothers once a week, through a grille in the pres-ence of guards, and is allowed two hours a day exercise in a courtyard. Asked yesterday about his health. Avigdor

Feldman, his lawyer, said he was "surviving".

At a recent prison hearing before a judge. Vanunu — now 40 — complained about the continuing censoring of his letters. A transcript of the hearing was published in the Israeli weekly. Kol Hair. under the headline. I'm not allowed to say I was kidnapped from Italy.

Vanunu's supporters are holding a conference in Israel next month chaired by Joseph Rotblat, the physicist awarded the Nobel Peace prize last year for his opposition to nuclear weapons. "Whistle-blowing should be-come part of the scientist's ethos," he said in his accep-tance speech. "Mordechal Vanunu has suffered

The British government says it cannot officially intervene in the case.

"Any man or woman who reveals his country's sensitive military secrets to anyone runs the risk of harsh punishment," Lady Chalker, the Foreign Office Minister. told Parliament four years

A benefit for Mr Vanunu will be held in Camden Town Hall, central London today. and saturday.

The playwright Harold Pin-ter will hand a petition to the Israeli embassy on Monday.



Janet Lovelace: "I left police to get away from things like this" PHOTOGRAPH CHRISTHOUGHD

## **Ex-WPC offered** cash for spy role

Owen Bowcott

PECLAL Branch officers offered a for-mer policewoman 2200 a month plus expenses for informing on friends in the direct action peace group Ploughshares, it was disclosed yesterday.

Extra payments to cover child-minding fees, bonuses for top-grade information and immunity from prosecution were also promised to Janet Lovelace, a mother with three young children. The attempt by two de-tectives to recruit Ms Love

lace, aged 39, is the latest example of police surveil-lance of anti-war and environmental campaigners.
Lancashire police described the approach as not unusual"

The Ploughshares move-ment, which stems from Catholic pacifist actions in the United States at the time of the Vietnam War. has been a focus of police

This summer four women protesters were acquitted of causing £1.5 million damage to a British Aerospace Warton factory in Lanca-shire. They admitted attacking the plane with hammers in protect at the sale of Hawks to the Indonesian government, which has alegedly used them against civilians in East Timor. Ms Lovelace, a constable in Hampshire for five years,

is separated from her policemen husband.

She said: "The detectives told me 'once a copper altold me 'once a copper always a copper'. But I'd left fered a mobile telephone, petthe force because of that rol and child-minding fees.
type of attitude. They came | All of it was to be paid in cash

shares movement and report back on people's names. They

said they were simply con-cerned about public order."
"They suggested I go to pro-tests to report on who else is going along and what's hap-pening. They wanted information so that they knew where to deploy their troops when an action was planned."

Unhappy at being targeted, but curious about why they

should be so keen to use her, she had a second meeting with the two officers at a public house in Warton. Initially, they had not speci-

fied how much they would When they met for the second time, at a public house

near the BAe site in Warton, the two men tried to persuade her that if BAe's exports were disrupted, local people would lose their jobs. "I replied that if BAe continued, lives would be lost in East Timor.

"They believed I would be more interested in money but I will not put people's lives at risk for cash. They offered me 2200 a month, plus any ex-penses and a bonus, if I came up with good information. They wanted names and anyone who is doing the organis-

The list of inducements "They said any domestic worries you have, any bills you have, don't worry, we will sort them out for you. If I got arrested they would sort that

out for me."
"The £200 was for the first three months, then it might

to my house and said they and the taxman need never know about it. They said no them, to infiltrate the Ploughone need ever know about it." and the taxman need never know about it. They said no one need ever know about it."

One of the officers gave her his pager number and asked her to adopt a codename. Because details of actions were only released half an hour in advance, the officers wanted early warnings to intercept

Eventually, Ms Lovelace told them she was not interested. "I'm not going to do it. I just want to expose what's go-

At first British Aerospace at Warton denied knowledge of the incident. But a police spokesman said: "A Lanca-shire constabulary officer did speak to the woman in question. It's part of ongoing efforts to ensure the force plays an effective role in preventing criminal offences being committed at BAe's

"This sort of inquiry is not unusual, indeed she is one of several people who have been approached."

Angle Zelter, one of the four women acquitted of the attack on the Hawk, claimed a friend of hers had recently been ap-proached. "The man said he was from MI5 and asked her if she would infiltrate Ploughshares. This is all a waste of taxpayers' money, Everything we do is completely

ber of the Ploughshares support network who has served six months for "disarming an F1-11 jet, said: "In the last couple of weeks I have had two phone calls from people saying they have been asked to spy on us for the police." BAe can hardly claim we are threatening jobs. They have recently taken on an extra 270

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#### The weather in Europe Midday today Tallinn 1024 - 1008 Loridon (12) **(20)** Paris 1024 HIGH Geneva 19 (**2**) 1016 ALESS! **3** LOW (18) ఘ @ ~~~ Key Tripost. Tel Aviv Cloudy Overcast Sunny intervals Sunshine and Warm front - Occluded front Sleet M Thunder Snow \*\*\*\*\* Trough

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#### European weather outlook

Denmark will have a bright and blustery day with a mix of sunny spells and showers, but much of Norway and Sweden will be dull and cold with outbreaks of rain. Finland and the far north will be mainly line and bright with some sunny spells. Max temp ranging from SC in the far north to 15C in Denmark.

Any early outbreaks of showery rain over Austria and Germany should soon clear eastwards during the day with brighter skies spreading from the west. Elsewhere a will have mainly fine weather with some sunshine from time to time, and it will be pleasantly warm. Max temp ranging from 15C in eastern Germany to 22C in southern Switzerland.

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A hidge of high pressure covering most of France will ensure most places will have a dry, warm day with plenty of sunshine. Max temp 17-24C from north to south. Spale and Portugat:

Greece:
Many places will have a dry start to the morning with some sunny periods, but cloud amounts will gradually increase and showers and thunderstorms will break out from late-morning onwards. Max temp 22-25C.

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# Islamist Taliban militia seize Kabul

Kathy Evans, and Phil Goodwin in Isla

ALIBAN fighter irove around Kabul flying the white flags of their move ment yesterday after capturing the Afghan capital following an overnight battle that left hundreds dead and government forces flee-

ing to the north. Outside the once elegant presidential palace, the bodies of a previous Afghan

Shahpur Ahmedzai, a former | to continue working in the | hills. "I could see trucks mov-security chief, hung from a | capital. The militia's radio | ing through the city taking the lampost. They had been | broadcast repeated messages | luggage of people who could mutilated.

Crowds gathered to jeer at the remains of the former leader. Across the devastated capital, residents waited to see whether the victorious hard-line Islamic force would end four years of factional fighting and rocket attacks that have killed up to 30,000 people, or merely herald a new round of factional warfare.

In the first words of reassurance, the Taliban deputy

broadcast repeated me promising there would be no

witchhunt of opponents.

But aid workers and diplomats were among the hundreds who had already left during two days of fierce fighting that culminated in government forces retreating late on Thursday.

There was so much panic in the city, so much tension that everyone who could, fled, said Azad Singh Toor, India's charge d'affaires, whose mis-sion was evacuated shortly bepresident, Mohammed Naji- chief, Mullah Mohammad sion was evacuated shortly be-bullah, and his brother, Rabbani, urged aid agencies fore the Taliban came over the

luggage of people who could manage to leave."

Forces loyal to the govern-

ment of President Burhanuddin Rabbani were said to be scrambling for protection to the Jabal-us-Seraj base — headquarters of Ahmed Shah Massoud, once one of the most effective commanders of the jihad forces that fought the Soviet-backed Najibullah

The whereabouts of Mr Rabbani and the prime minis-ter, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, were unknown. The Taliban

described them as "national | gence and interior ministry ir | government to recognise the | had headed a brutal regime, criminals". Taliban claims yesterday to

have captured the Baghram air base 18 miles north of Kabul were in doubt. The Afghan ambassador to New Delhi, Masood Khalili, said government forces beld areas to the north and west. 'They have retreated to within seven and 10 kilometers of the city and have taken their weapons," be said.

Mr Khalili accused the Pakistani security services of helping the Taliban take Kabul. He claimed uniformed men from Pakistani military intelli-

regulars were involved.

The Taliban now control more than two thirds of Afghanistan. A key figure who could have mounted a counter-attack against them, the Uzbek leader, General Rashid Dostum, yesterday rejected an offer to join the Rabbani forces to fight them.

Taliban radio responded by referring to Gen Dostum as a "good Muslim". An alliance with him could leave Taliban forces free to concentrate on provinces still under Com-

the country."
The execution of Najibullah was greeted with shock by many Afghans. Although he mander Massoud's control. Pakistan became the first

new Taliban regime. Govern-ment officials said a delegahe was also seen as a modern-ising Pashtun leader. in 1992, he was persuaded by a United Nations diplomat, tion was leaving immediately

for Kabul where an interim. six-man ruling council has Benon Sevan, to step down and allow elections, in return Other states watched with for being allowed to leave. On the way to the airport he was turned back by soldiers. He spent the next four years in a UN compound in Kabul. Early yesterday, he realised scepticism. President Ali Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran said: "I wish to God that they come to their senses, stop fighting and let one person,

the guards had disappeared. He was reportedly taken out and shot by Taliban fighters.

Najibulish obituary, page 7;

## "I have sent my daughters to Iran. It's that bad"

Maggie O'Kane

🥆 ROWDS gathered at j dawn yesterday to ogle the body of a former Afghan president, Mohammed Najibullah, dangling for public display outside the palameters. ace he once occupied.

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After 18 years of war in their country — and devasta-tion in the capital in the four years since Najibullah's fall - some Afghans dream that the draconian sons of Islam will finally bring peace and

But, elsewhere in learned that the Taliban's peace comes at a price.

made steady military pro-gress across Afghanistan. The army of mostly illiterate, former mojahedin fighters — estimated to number 10,000 has tried to force Aighan women back into the dark ages, and exact justice through public amputation.

There have been executions where the condemned spend half an hour dying suspended from a crane. They are held in public, sometimes in the local football stadium, sometimes on the side of the road with the townspeople forced to

The men and boys of the Taliban were born during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan from 1979 to 1989. Since the Islamic fighters of that time were giving the Rus-sians problems, the United States, European countries, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia

After the Soviet withdrawal, Afghanistan was ripped apart by warring mili-& A new generation of fighters was growing up in the Afghan refugee camps within Pakistan. Educated at Islamic schools, which taught little except recitation of the Koran, the young men were to form the foot soldiers of a new army. It styled itself as a student army, and its headquar-ters was established in the southern province of

Led by Mullah Muhammad Omar, a one-eyed former guerrilla wounded several



north after fall of Kabul

litia groups. Lucrative trade routes to Iran and to the East were being blocked by free-lance bandits levying arbitrary taxes.
Powerful business forces

to see stability in the region, and there was talk of a US-Saudi venture building an oil pipeline to the Caspian. Sunni Muslim Pakistan was also eager to encourage a group at odds with Shi'ite Iran, which is also interested in who rules

The Pakistani secret service backed them from the beginning," said one Western aid worker who has lived in the northern town of Herat for five years. "These illiterate fighters were turning up in the towns they overran with brand new satellite telewith brand new satellite tele-phones they didn't know how to use. The problem now is that both Pakistan and the US are realising that the Taliban

Government soldier fleeing

times in the war against Soviet occupation in the 1980s, the movement took the former royal capital of Kandahar in 1994, and began to

When the Taliban began their march to power in 1994. the country had five main mi-

wanted the 1,000-mile silk road — where merchants had traded for a millennium cleared of highwaymen - and the Taliban seemed to be the people to do it.

Powerful interests wanted

cannot be controlled."

trolled through their fi-nances. Now the Taliban is less dependent on outside

support. They have heroin. The militia came to power promising Pakistan and their Western sponsors to tackle the heroin trade — but wars are expensive.

On a white noticeboard in the first-floor meeting room of the World Food Programme office in Kandahar, not far from the headquarters of the Islamic police, the first item underlined in thick blue felt pen reads: "Poppy Boom". Here, in the beart of Tali-

ban country, the United Nations drugs control pro-gramme in Afghanistan estimates that poppy cultivation has doubled in the last five years, making it worth £50 million a year on the Eurooean market.

At least £5 million goes directly to the Taliban. This year, Afghanistan will supply half of the world's heroin needs. Most of this from Taliban territory. Most of this comes

at Mirwais Mina, Haji Ned Hussein, a 50-year-old poppy farmer, says: "They come just like you do, with a pen and paper to work out what the yield is and what the 10 per

cent we must pay to them is." A spokesman for the World Food Programme in Kanda-har said: "There's so much poppy out there these days that we are getting reports there are food shortages in the market because all the land is given over to poppy cultivation."

Before the fall of Kabul the Taliban had been consolidating their grip on a great swath of territory that stretched to the Iranian bor-der and the cosmopolitan town of Herat. Since the time of Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan, the town had

been an international It is here that their fundamentalist fervour and sup-pression of women is most deeply resented.

One student of English, aged 24, says simply: "I hate them, now. When they came first, things were better. Things were quiet for a while. They got the thieves off the street but then they made everyone go to the stadium when they hanged this man from the crane and it took me straps, saying: 'You have to stay and watch'."

versity, she has been forced to give up her studies. "I have even sent my daughters to Iran to go to school — that's how it is here

studied in the US. In Herat, the nursing school was closed in May when a group of armed Taliban shut its gates and ordered the women to return to their fam-

now," said one Afghani, who

ily compounds. Jeannie van der Weyden, a British nurse working for the Medecins Sans Frontieres aid agency returned from Afgan-istan after nine months teaching midwifery to village women. While she was there, the Taliban objected to her programme accusing her of

training women to work.
"I got letters from them saying what I was doing was against the teaching of the Koran and ordering me to stop the classes," said Ms Van der Weyden. "In one clinic we set up we found husbands coming looking for medicines for women who were seriously ill back in the compounds but forbidden to come

to the clinic themselves." In Afghanistan, the numb of women who die in childbirth at 64 per 1,000 is one of the highest in the world, yet no male doctor can attend a woman giving birth. Taliban policies mean an end to qualified female nurses.

Interpretation of what is right or wrong according to Islam is up to the local shura. a council of often illiterate holy men. The shura decreed, for example, in the town of be banned after a local doctor reported a 15-year-old girl had een made pregnant by her brother driven out of control by a foreign film.

The Taliban insist that there can be no half-hearted compromises with Allah, no half-hearted observance of

the Koran. In the cities they control, women float through the street covered in vast triangular tents of lilac and green. They are forbidden to ride bicycles and cannot take a taxi unless fully covered. In cars and trucks they must sit in fully covered.

In some areas, international aid workers say, local objections to such purist strictures has led Taliban committees to soften their original pronouncements banning pastimes such as chess, kite-flying and music.

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#### Afghan women in Kandahar tell of life under the Taliban THE Guardian asked two cept a scarf as heigh la

women in the Taliban-controlled town to describe life since the militia took control in 1994. They did not sign their letters.

I AM an educated Afghan lady. Today, there are many families among the residents of Kandahar province that have lost a male relative during the past 18 years of war. One has lost a father, another a brother, or a son, another a husband. There are some families that have no man left in their household.

However, despite this, the Taliban demand that women be accompanied by a male relative — father or husband, brother or son whenever they go shopping. visit a doctor or travel. Which holy book is it that

But the Taliban stop the



The Taliban insist on veils

them, or spray acid at them [s this *sharia* [Islamic law]? They demand that poor women — who cannot feed mselves — should wear the veil, which costs 150,000

requirement for women to cover their body]. In their view, women should wear

one group, one party or a joint assembly make peace in

been set up.

Every day, a new law is enforced against women. Sometimes they are told not to go out in new or shiny clothes: sometimes that even a doctor should wear a veil while seeing a patient.

A female patient is not even supposed to see a doctor because, according to the Taliban, illness comes from God. However, God Al mighty says there is also a solution to every problem. The way they claim sharia

ought to be observed, the Taliban should start riding donkeys instead of driving latest model cars and should wear garments made out of local textiles instead of expensive clothes. Reform of society begins with oneself.

afghanis. They do not ac- We have a lot more to say, where that we cannot work.

and there is much about the Taliban to be exposed.

IN KANDAHAR city, there is only one high school for boys, and that's all. Girls are not allowed to go to school. Only a few female nurses and doctors work in clinics and hospitals. They have been beaten for talk-

ing to male colleagues. Women doctors wear the veil, otherwise they are told not to come to work. You should see for your-

self how difficult it is for a doctor or a nurse to see a patient or a woman in labour while one is wearing a veil. Such a *hejab* is not in Islam, nor in the Koran. We do not know who these people [Taliban] are or where they have come from. We know only that they have been trained and sent by the Pakistanis. We are being warned every-



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FreeCall 0500 500 366. Come back Mr Hoskins, all is forgiven.

#### Fact file

Who they are: Fundamentalist Islamic militia with membership of about 10,000 men and boys. In Pashtu, Taliban means "seekers" or "students". Where they are: Since the fall of Kabul yesterday, they dominate at least two-

thirds of the country. Their aim: Officially, to run the world's most hardline Islamic state. Unoffically, to rule using Islam as ideological justification, and to control a slice of the £50 million heroin crop.

Line on Women: No schools for girls over 10. The Tali-ban have closed all women's universities in areas they run. Women pressed not to work, and not to leave homes unless accompanied by a male.

Origins: Either former mo-



Saudis during the Soviet oc cupation of Afghanistan (1979-89) or their male de-scendants and indoctrinated child-followers.

Backers: Reportedly backed by elements in Pakistan, jahedin fighters backed by particularly military intel-the United States and the ligence, and Saudi Arabia.

#### News in brief

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### Scout leader jailed for abuse of boys

A SCOUT leader was jailed for seven years at the Old Bailey yesterday for sexually abusing eight boys over a 10-year period. Brian Jupp, aged 57. told one boy that sleeping together was a tip for survival, the court heard.

Jupp, a former serviceman and photographer from Surrey. Jupp, a former serviceman and photographer from Surrey. had admitted 14 charges of indecent behaviour to small boys haged 10 or older. He was arrested last year when one boy told his mother. Paul Dodgson, prosecuting, said that at one scout camp, a boy was told he would be warmer in the leader's sleeping bag, he woke to find Jupp assaulting him. The boy said later: "He was always friendly and jolly. I really respected him, so when he said not to tell anyone, I didn't."

In Jupp's defence, the court was told he had been abused himself as a child, once by a parish priest.

A spokesman for the Scout Association said afterwards that it apologised to those concerned, adding that Jupp was only one of its 110,000 adult leaders and such crimes were rare.

#### Private schooling backed

MORE than half of Labour supporters disagree with Tony Blair's commitment to scrap the assisted places scheme aimed at helping poorer families pay independent school fees, according to an

opinion poll yesterday.

Mr Blair wants to phase out the £105 million scheme to release funds to reduce class sizes in primary schools. A poll by Mori using a sample of 1,829 for the Independent Schools Information using a sample of 1,629 for the independent schools information Service found 55 per cent of Labour supporters backed the scheme, and 64 per cent of Liberal Democrat supporters. The poll also found 43 per cent of Labour supporters and 46 per cent of Liberal Democrats said they would send their children to an independent school if they could afford it. — John Carvel

#### Diocese defends gay festival

A SERVICE and festival at Southwark Cathedral to mark the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement was yesterday described as a "day-long festival of gay sex." by the yesterday described and the second of the south London diocese.

In a statement, the diocese replied that the gospel message

transcended "colour, gender, class or sexual orientation", and that the cathedral had a tradition of identifying with people who suffered from prejudice. The Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev John Gladwin, one of four bishops reassessing the Church's view on homosexuality, will preach at the event on November 16. His spokesman urged critics of the event to "wait and hear what he

#### Veto on open-cast mining

THE Environment Secretary, John Gummer, yesterday upheld a planning inspector's verdict and refused to allow open-cast mining in the Yorkshire coalfield. Villagers at Shariston, near Wake-field, whose deep-mining pit was closed four years ago, had argued that strip-mining by H J Banks would destroy nascent attempts to "green" the area and attract other industry and

Mr Gummer's decision will taken as a signal to other would-be opencasters in the area, as well as other prospectors further south in areas round Chatsworth, the Duke of Devonshire's stately home. Jim Porter, of the Save Shariston campaign, said: "It's wonderful news, although we're keeping the group going just in case." — Martin Wainwright

#### Girl quizzed in murder hunt

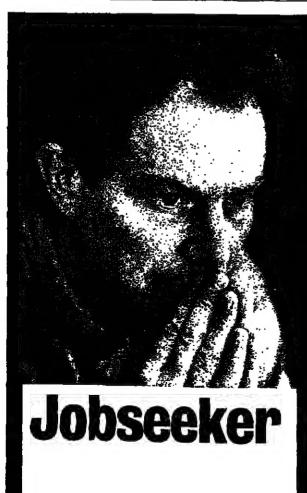
A GIRL aged 11 has been interviewed by detectives hunting for killer of teenager Caroline Dickinson in a hostel in Brittany. The girl was with a school party from Padstow, Cornwall, holidaying

in St Brieuc, Brittany, in June when she found a stranger in her dormitory, who was chased away by a teacher. On July 18 Caroline, aged 13, was raped and murdered in Pleine Fougeres, 35 minutes drive from St Brieuc. She was with a school party from Launceston, Cornwall. The June incident was reported to French police, but also reported to Devon and Cornwall police following the murder. The 11-year-old was interviewed, but no link has been established.

#### Reminder of 1983 romance

WHEN Don Cunningham and Kathy Pacilio took a romantic cruise from New York to Bermuda in 1983, they threw a message overboard in a bottle. Thirteen years later, and happily married, they learned their message had arrived in Scotland.

Leelah Macaulay, aged eight, found the bottle on a beach near her home in Ness on Lewis, in the Western Isles. Her mother, Catriona, read the note, which contained Don's address, and contacted the couple after tracing them on the Internet. She said yesterday: There was confusion at first . . . then it came back to them — memories of what was obviously a very romantic cruise.



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#### The legacy of 60 a day

JOE Potter (left) smoked 60 cigarettes a day from the age of 17 until cancer was diagnosed 11 years ago. "I was never without one." he recalls.

Now 68, he had a lung removed and had to retire at 57. Once a Newmarket jockey weighing six stone seven, he has ballooned to 15 stones because he can no longer take exercise, "T

can't even ride a horse." When he went down with lung cancer, he had to give his job transporting racehorses. "I couldn't even drive a lorry. Tobacco has ruined my life. I get out of breath and I get a terrible pain in my side."

Mr Potter, who lives with his wife in Bletchley. Buckinghamshire, welcomes the news that the legal action is to go ahead. "All I want to do is get it over and done with - as long as they don't come on us for a lot of money after the case if they win.

"I've got a nice bungalow that's all paid for and we've just had a new conservatory put on it.

"I learnt too late in life about it all, but I would like to see this case come to court to help other people."

## UK cancer victims sue tobacco firms

No legal aid, but lawyers take case on 'no win, no fee' basis

Clare Dyer and Lisa Buckingham

ORTY lung cancer victims are to sue the cigarette manufacturers. Imperial Tobacco and Gailahers, for millions of pounds, in the first mass action by smokers in the British courts.

In a surprise move, lawyers have agreed to take the case on a "no win. no fee" basis.

worth of work will go unpaid if they lose. The case looked set to be abandoned after a year of investigation when the Legal Aid Board refused funding to take it to court last

But the London solicitors Leigh, Day & Co have agreed to take it on under a conditional fee agreement, together with Daniel Brennan QC. president of the Personal Injury Bar Association and Mark Mildred, a professor at

an expert on group actions. The case is the first group action to be run on such a basis. Such deals, introduced a year ago, are seen by many solicitors as too risky for big cases, and are mainly used for one-off accident claims. In the US, despite two de-

cades of litigation, no tobacco manufacturer has yet paid a penny in compensation. Law firms there have been bank- ; way for the tobacco victims to rupted after trying to take on the tobacco giants. Now, 69 law firms and several state governments, looking to recoup billions of dollars spent on smoking-related illnesses, have formed a power-

together account for 60 per cent of the UK market. The British cancer victims have The lawyers will argue that been warned that the manu-the manufacturers knew the facturers could pursue them ; for their legal costs if the case is unsuccessful, but have decided to press ahead.

Marryn Day, a senior part-ner of Leigh. Day & Co. said: "It was clear that the only gain access to justice in the British courts was for law-yers to take on the cases through the no win, no fee

Mr Day, whose firm did £150,000 worth of work inves-

Imperial and Gallahers; Legal Aid Board pulled the to cast a cloud over next plug, added: "We know exact-ly what our case is." The lawyers will argue that

> risks of tar by 1960 and should have taken steps to reduce the tar in their products. The case has the potential

group actions over transport disasters or faulty drugs, because lung cancer claims 30,000 new victims each year. Mr Day hopes it will reach court around October 1998. "With the spectre of death hanging over so many of the lung cancer victims. I think we'll get it heard quickly." The legal action is expected

to be much bigger than past

month's flotation of Imperial Tobacco, which is being spun off by the Hanson Group.

**N** fails

Although Imperial said it would vigorously defend the claim, the case undermines the company's selling point as one of the few tobacco groups so far immune to legal action. Imperial sells largely to the UK market, where US-style litigation was seen as a distant threat. The value of the group could be undermined if potential investors reckon Britain will follow America into being an unsafe place to market tobacco

Gallaher declined to

## Mother fights to halt son's surgery

tors' advice by refusing operation. to allow her baby to have liver transplant surgery is at the centre of a test case over a parent's right to

The 27-year-old says she was "coerced" into signing a hospital consent form for her son, then seven months old, to have the operation, the Court of Appeal in London heard.

When a suitable liver be-came available for transplant she and the boy's father had taken their son abroad, said her counsel, Robert Francis QC. On September 17, High Court Family Division judge Mr Justice Connell made the "wholly exceptional" order

WOMAN defying doc- | fly back to Britain for the | boy, who cannot be named for | he would not live a further 10 Mr Francis told the appeal judges: "If the child does not have the operation, it is a

near certainty that within a short period of time the child But he described Mr Justice Connell's decision as "inva-sive" of the right of parents to choose whether children should undergo surgery. "The decision of the parents must

be respected.

He said the mother's decision was "within the range of reasonableness" and was based on her assessment of the risks. It was not a case of consent being refused on religious or moral grounds.

legal reasons, was born in years. April last year with acute liver problems and within weeks underwent "quite major abdominal surgery which was not a success.

Mr Francis said the mother was "persuaded" to sign a hospital consent form for liver transplant in November last year. "It seems to have been made clear to her that if she didn't sign the consent form she wouldn't be able to take her baby home. She says she was coerced into giving

her consent. There is said to be a 10 per cent risk that the boy would not survive a transplant operation for more than a year, and a 40 per cent chance that

Air Francis said the box

mother and 32-year-old father. both health care professionals, were unmarried. They had coincidentally taken their son abroad just as a suitable liver was found for transplant.

Doctors where the family now live were willing to respect the mother's decision. He said of Mr Justice Connell's decision: "It is a wholly exceptional step that a child should be ordered back to this country not for the purpose of custody proceedings, but for the sole purpose of having an operation.

The appeal continues on

#### Vivek Chaudhary

Yates and Geldof are headed for

IRST came the acrimoni ous divorce. Now Paula Yates and Bob Geldof are set for another round of public squabbling, this time over the future of their children.

Mr Geldof was yesterday reported in Kent with his three daughters. Fifi Trixibelle, aged 13. Peaches. six, and Pixie. four, after making a High Court application for custody.

The surprise move came on Thursday evening, a day after police raided Ms Yates's London home, which she shares with Michael

Ms Yates and Mr Hutchence, who are in Australia

a new round of public acrimony with their two-month-old daughter Heavenly Hiraani,

were informed of the raid and Mr Geldof's court action by telephone. Their solicitor refused to comment yesterday. Meanwhile, Mr Geldof, his girlfriend Jeanne Marine and

Ms Yates's nanny Anita Debney, who has reportedly resigned, are spending the weekend at Davington Priory, his home in Kent. Police yesterday refused to comment on reports that the

drug allegedly found in Ms Yates's home in Chelsea, west London, was opium. Ms Yates has been suspended as a colu<u>mnist</u> for the

Sun newspaper. 💎 - 🔻 🚎 💘

## **EU toughens** extradition law

Stephon Bates in Dublin

UROPEAN justice ministers yesterday agreed to moves which will cause consternation on the Spanish Costa del Crime — to make it easier to extradite states for offences ranging from drug smuggling to

terrorism and tax offences.
The convention, signed in
Dublin, will enable member states to apply to extradite anyone suspected of an of-

anyone suspected of an offence carrying a sentence of more than one year in their own country or six months in the country of refuge.

The document — which has to be ratified by individual states — also makes provision for them to extradite their own citizens if they are wanted for offences abroad wanted for offences abroad, although Germany, France and Portugal expressed immediate reservations about whether they would endorse that procedure, which would require constitutional amendments. Technically, the provi sion has to be ratified within five years, but diplomats made clear they intended to delay it indefinitely by seeking on touts.

delay it indefinitely by seeking opt-outs.

Britain supports the convention, which was signed by
Michael Howard, the Home
Secretary, with officials saying that Britain was already
willing to send British subjects abroad for trial. The
European Court is, initially at
least, not to be involved in least, not to be involved in fraud.

settling disputes arising from

the convention.
Although it formally protects people against extradi-tion for reasons of persecu-tion for their beliefs, it does not prevent proceedings even if the offence with which they are charged is not a crime in criminals between member the country where they have

taken refuge.

Nora Owen, the Irish justice minister, chairing the meeting, welcomed the move as a significant step forward in combating crime, includ-ing terrorist offences. Mem-

clear they intended measure indefinitely by seeking opt-outs.

Diplomats made

ber states will not in principle be allowed to regard any of-fence as having political justi-fication. "We have prevented people hiding behind political claims. A crime is a crime and if they have committed a crime they will be extradited."

Ministers also signed an agreement aimed at reducing institutional fraud. It makes it easier to try officials and politicians, including minis-ters and MPs, for bribery and

## Beef cull delay crisis farms

#### Paul Brown on new financial strain

AM Johnson has 100 cat-tle he would rather had been slaughtered months ago, but he has to keep on feeding them because he cannot find an abattoir which will take them

As the grass stops growing this autumn the now useless dairy cows and unsaleable beef cattle will begin to eat their way through his stock of silage and corn which was intended to keep his 500 head of productive livestock alive through the winter. It costs between £10 and £14 a week to keep a cow in fodder during the winter so he faces a loss of £1,000 a week — money that he needs to keep his farming business in Wiltshire afloat.



which will take them.

resources.



Bleak future . . . Sam Johnson with cattle waiting to be destroyed PHOTOGRAPH DARREN JACK

the Government's much critical tervention Board, which runs cised culling scheme. The the scheme for the Government's old for the human cised culling scheme. The Government finally admitted yesterday the backlog of cattle "on the waiting list" for slaughter is as many as 340,000, which represents a tarrible drain or farm terrible drain on farm

Among farmers who never seem to reach the top of the waiting list there is talk of He is one of an increasing waiting list there is talk of band of farmers bewildered skulduggery, backhanders and financially battered by and queue-jumping. The In-

and that market forces pre-vail. Abattoirs can choose who they like to bring their cattle for slaughter. All receive the same live-weight payment of 83p a kilo.

Mr Johnson, of Stokes Marsh Farm at Coulston, has been on the waiting list for cows for slaughter since March 20, when the ban on me a break."

food chain was imposed. "I never seem to get to the top of the list I seem to have no alternative but to wait. I am not allowed to kill them myself and put them in a pit of lime like in the days of foot and mouth. My only outlet is the slaughterhouse, and I cannot get anyone to take them. I have gone as far as Scotland but no one will give



# The Israeli blunder that led to bloodshed

Any attempt to tighten a grip on the Old City was bound to trigger violence, reports **Derek Brown** three-day trip to London, Paris and Bonn. It was not until he reached the French capital on Wednesday that the blood began to flow.

It started with protests

cat out of the bag yes-terday, when he ac-knowledged that the decision to open the north end of the old Hasmonean tunnel in the Old City "expresses our sov-

ereignty over Jerusalem".
The Israeli government has produced other excuses for its disastrous misjudgement the tunnel's single existing entrance was congested; its improvement would boost the local economy; it would be open to all faiths — but the Issue of sovereignty is the

Jerusalem has become so tightly controlled by Israel since its conquest of the city, that successive governments have clearly come to believe there is no further point in even discussing its status.

There is now not only a clear overall Jewish majority in the city, but a Jewish maboundaries of which were expanded before Israel annexed the lot after the 1967 war.

But the vast majority of the 150,000 or so Palestinians who live in East Jerusalem hold the equally passionate belief that it remains occupied territory; a belief at least implic-itly supported in Israel's 1993 peace accord with the Pales-tine Liberation Organisation. That agreement stipulated that a permanent peace treaty outrage around the world.

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MHE Israeli prime four issues: Jewish settle-minister, Binyamin ments in the occupied territo-Netanyahu, let the ries, final boundaries, refuries, final boundaries, refugees and Jerusalem.

But there have been no ne-gotiations and no signs from Mr Netanyahu's government that Israel will even agree to the principle of negotiation on Jerusalem.

In such circumstances, any move to tighten the Israeli grip on the Holy City was bound to be inflammatory, particularly if it implied en-croachment on the rights and feelings of other faiths. So the abrupt decision to

cut through 10 years of dis-pute and delicate negotiation, and unilaterally order the opening of the north end of the Hasmonean tunnel, was astonishingly crass. Several Israeli analysts have pointed out that the decision was taken without advice from se-curity chiefs, who would have

counselled caution. But the decision was taken and, late on Monday night, workmen broke through the rubble and installed the new doors under police guard. Within hours, there was up-

roar in East Jerusalem and in the occupied territories. Palestinian youths hurled stones on to the Western (Wailing) Wall prayer ground. The PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, de-scribed the Israeli move as "a big crime", and the Arab League warned of Muslim Mr Netanyahu began a Martin Wooliscott, page 9

blood began to flow.
It started with protests called by Mr Arafat. The protests quickly turned to confrontation and then to gunbat-tles between Israeli and

Palestinian security forces.
The official Israeli version is that Israeli forces used rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse rioters, resorting to live rounds only after the Palestinian forces opened fire. It is as-serted as fact that Mr Arafat ordered his men into action. But reporters who wit-nessed the events said the Is-

every case, and that there was spontaneity in the reaction. What is not in dispute is that there was a total breakdown of discipline among Mr Arafat's collection of semi-autonomous security forces, usually referred to as the Pal-

raelis fired first in almost

estinian police. The breakdown fitted the mood in the self-rule enclaves of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where mobs began yelling at the men in uniform and hurling stones at them.

The death toll had climbed to 66 by yesterday evening. Both sides proclaimed their faith in peace; both sides laid all blame on the other.

In the Gaza Strip, Mr Arafat ordered his regional and local commanders to rein in their men, but he continued to be-rate Israel for the "massa-cre" Mr Netanyahu spoke of the loss of 12 soldiers. He was in favour of peace talks with out preconditions, he said.



Women waving Palestinian flags mourn a relative killed during clashes with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank town of Ramaliah PHOTOGRAPH, ENRIC MA

## UN fails to cool tempers Tunnel 'temporarily shut'

lan Black in New York

RABS and Israel traded insults in the United Nations yesterday amid a storm of diplomatic activity to de escalate the crisis in Jerusalem. But there were few signs that the peace process

In a specially convened Security Council meeting that highlighted bitter international divisions, the PalestinEgypt's foreign minister, Amr Musa, hinted that Arab countries might return to war

f Israel did not change course. But the Israeli foreign min-ister, David Levy, insisted his country would not be put "on trial" and urged the Palestin-ian leader. Yasser Arafat, to control his forces. The Security Council meet-

ing was convened despite American reluctance to allow the UN a role. President Bill Clinton has carefully avoided Qaddoumi, accused a although privately US officent Rebron; and an international peace "in mortal peril".

The US secretary of state Warren Christopher, was conspicuously absent from the meeting, with diplomats predicting a US veto of an Arab-drafted and Russian-backed resolution condemning Israel.

British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind proposed a four-point plan to bridge the gap between the Arabs and Washington: a moratorium on opening the tunnel in Jerusalem to tourists; a speedy Ne-tanyahu-Arafat meeting, an early Israeli army withdrawal

closed yesterday, guarded by a prodigious force of reg-ular and paramilitary police, writes Derek Brown in

The Via Dolorosa, a hallowed place which has be-come a focus for hatred, was thick with police. An unwitting tourist could easily bave missed the lane's newest attraction: a pair of stout grey steel doors, now nadlocked.

The rightwing Likud gov- Islam's third holiest shrine. nels under their ho ernment, which ordered The explosion of violence places? I don't think so."

ERUSALEM'S oldest, | the Via Dolorosa end of the | which followed the decision most controversial, tunnel to be opened on tunnel was firmly Monday, had vowed that it would not give in to the vio-lence sparked by the deci-sion. That pledge remains unbroken only because it was not the government but the Likud-run Jerusalem municipality which or dered the temporary clo-

sure of the tunnel. The 488-yard tunnel is next to the Temple Mount. once home to ancient Jewish temples and now the

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

HE international body

supervising Bosnia's elections was charged

ruled appeals from its own

A legal tribunal set up by

ago raised "a significant pos-sibility of double voting, other forms of fraud, or counting irregularities."
But the decision was over-

main ethnic groups, which said it had already carried

The panel ruled that it was

to open the Via Dolorosa Monday, had vowed that it entrance is rooted in a widespread Muslim belief, slenderly based but pas-sionately held, that the tunnel will undermine the al-Israel insists that the tunnel runs nowhere near Muslim holy places and, moreover, will boost the

Muslim economy.
George. a Christian trader, insisted the doors should stay shut. "Would site of the al-Agsa mosque, the Jews let us have tunnels under their holy

## Bosnia poll fraud 'whitewashed' xons

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'scandalous". The ICG found that the average turnout among non-refugee voters had been well over 100 per cent, with the likely implica-tion that votes had been cast on behalf of Bosnians who

last night with orchestrating were dead or missing. Robert Frowick, the chief of legal advisers for a recount after evidence emerged of large-scale fraud. the OSCE mission and a US diplomat, last week ordered a revision of the electorate from the 2.9 million estimated by both the OSCE and the United Nations, to 3.2 million. the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe recommended the recount be-cause a suspiciously high turnout in the poll two weeks producing a more plausible percentage turnout.

However, in an interim judgment yesterday, the OSCE's complaints tribunal found that Mr Frowick's revised figure was probably inflated, and ruled that "a ruled swiftly by a panel of senior OSCE officials and representatives of Bosnia's three likely to lead to a more accurate, and lower, figure".

The OSCE spokeswoman in Sarajevo, Nicole Szulc, said a out checks and found only minor discrepancies which would not affect the overall recount would not have dis-covered whether votes had been cast for the dead, as it

"neither practical nor neces-sary" to order a full recount. counting the same ballots.

The only way of assessing whether there had been "a It urged the tribunal to drop graveyard vote" would be to cross-reference lists of voters against those of the dead and The International Crisis Group, which monitored the elections and submitted a for-mal complaint alleging poll-ing fraud, called the ruling suming and difficult.

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whether the newly elected has not given his agreement three-man presidency of Mus- to a venue in central Sara-

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pian elections tomorrow or

Monday, but it is still unclear

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## As Rwanda's genocide tribunal opens in disarray, CHRIS MCGREAL hears the appalling story of four Hutu sisters

## **Blood-filled eyes** behold only pain

Akayesu became mayor of her hillside commune, when he used to drop around for a drink at her

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'Akayesu was a friend of my husband's. They grew up together. He knew our children. We thought he was a good man. The same people who drank at our wedding murdered my family," she

Last week Akayesu became the first Hutu accused of genocide for the slaughter of Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994 to go on trial before an international tribunal.

Josephine is one of four Hutu sisters who married Tutsi men. Despite Rwanda's age-old divisions, mixed marriages were relatively com-mon around Taba. Akayesu happily swilled beer with lo-sephine's husband, Edouard.

But that was before the Tutsi rebel invasion of Rwanda in 1990 threw the loy-alties of all Tutsis into question. By then Akayesu was mayor and the local leader of a hardline Hutu party. He could no longer afford such

In April 1994, war turned to genecide. As Hutus turned on their Tutsi neighbours, and Akayesu creaked the engine of mass murder into gear in his commune, he appeared again at Josephine's door.

"He said we should stay caim and nothing would hap-pen to us. Now I think he meant to confuse us," she

Ignoring Akayesu's assurances, Josephine, Edouard and their six children fled before their neighbours destroyed their home and the dreaded Hutu militia, the Interahamwe, began its hunt for

The militiamen were mostly drunken young thugs. or wigs. They carried ma-chetes or thick wooden clubs studded with nails and other bits of metal. Invariably they were led by the educated members of the community. Doctors and teachers were particularly active. But Akayesu gave the orders.

bush but my husband was afraid he would attract the Interahamwe who would kill the children, so he left," Josephine said. "He was looking for a hiding place when the Internhamwe grabbed him. They led him to a pit latrine and stabbed him with sharpened sticks and beat him with machetes. He was still alive when they threw him in. Then they threw stones at terahamwe's grasp for a few him until he died. Even chil- more days. The older ones dren and women were stoning

Josephine and her children sought shelter in the house of one of the killers, although he they were to hide in cupdidn't know it.

"My aunt was a good Sa-

when the husband returned, I would hide in the plantation. We stayed there for about six weeks until my aunt heard they were killing people who sheltered Tutsis. She was afraid and asked us to go."

One of Josephine's younger sisters. Vestine, had also found shelter in the house of a

found shelter in the House of a killer — a Hutu soldier, a friend of her husband. "The soldier would go out, kill Tutsis and come home describing the horrible deaths people were suffering. My husband offered to pay the soldier to shoot us if they came for us," Vestine said.

Interahamwe militiamen came looking for Vestine's husband, Bernard, He fled to his brother-in-law's house. Simon Bivahagumye offered to help him find somewhere safe. The two men set off at

They marched me to the hill and took the baby from my back. Then they killed him in front of me'

Interahamwe, Money changed hands, Bernard ran. Simon returned home.

The Hutu militiamen fought over the bribe, and descended on Simon's house. He was accused of hiding Bernard and helping him escape. Then the Interahamwe shot Simon, his wife and two sons.

Josephine made for the one place she was sure of a welcome, her parents' house. The roadblocks were terrifying. Tutsis were hacked to pieces next to the barricades.

Two days after she reached her parents a group of men knocked on the door and demanded Josephine's threeyear-old son. "They marched me to the hill and took the tayesu gave the orders.

baby from my back. Then
"We were hiding in the they killed him in front of me," she said.

One by one the four sisters gravitated toward their parents' house, which was overflowing with their parents, two unmarried sisters and 14 children.

As the Tutsi rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) drew closer to Taba, the sisters knew they had only to keep their children beyond the Inwere shown how to secrete themselves in the banana groves. The youngest were told that if strangers came

boards or under the beds.

OSEPHINE Mukan-kusi remembers a time before Jean-Paul Akayesu became day killing. In the evening, manned the roadblocks when phine's only brother. Mala-chias, lived nearby and manned the roadblocks where so many Tutsis met their end. It was not long before the first groups of men came knocking. Often they were led

by Akayesu and the mayor of the neighbouring commune. Jean Mbarubukeye. "They came to search day and night. We would change the hiding places when we saw people coming. Some-times we would use dried banana grass. If you pile it high you can put the small chil-

dren in there and tell them to

keep very still. Sometimes we would put the children inside

the house, or hide them in the bush." Josephine said. Vestine's husband. Bernard, was still on the run. Word spread that he was passing secret messages to the Tutsi rebels, and stashing weapons. Yet when the mili-tiamen found him at the home of another brother-in-law he

was alone and defenceless.
"As they led him to the main barrier beside Taba market they were cutting him with machetes. He was very badly hurt and bleeding. He hit Silas, the president of the Interahamwe. The bodyguards shot him dead. I think he attacked Silas so they would kill him quickly." Ves-

Bernard's death spurred Akayesu into a last hunt for the children. Silas was at his side, angry and shaken at Bernard's assault. He wanted Vestine to pay. Her brother. Malachias, joined the mob.

As the machete-waving crowd approached, the chil-dren scattered to their hiding places. Josephine had gone to buy food. Vestine was outside. "Akayesu pointed me out to Silas. They beat me and they

beat my father for offering his daughters to the Tutsis. It went on and on until I could barely see. I just lay there. My eyes filled with blood." she said. But Vestine could see the

mob move toward the house. At the forefront was her brother pointing out the children's hiding places. They came from cupboards and under beds, from beneath the dried grass and from the banana plantation.

Akayesu assured the children that everything would be all right - as he had assured their parents that nothing would happen to them after the genocide started. He told the children they were going for a treat.

The older children picked up the small ones and bem the walk to the barricade.

"The children carried each other to their deaths. Akayesu told them he was taking them to give them cakes. They went to their deaths with pleasure." Yestine said. Akayesu did not wait

boards or under the beds. around. Perhaps, with the refused. They said sorrow There was one visitor who RPF close by, he did not want will kill you." she said.



A victim of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda when Hutus slaughtered hundreds of thousands of Tutsis. Militiamen, often led by doctors and teachers, used thick wooden clubs studded with nails to torture and kill PHOTOGRAPH LENNY MATTHEWS Kibuye province.

**First** trial on hold

HE first Rwanda geno-cide trial was put on hold for a month yes-terday amid farcical court scenes a day after it

opened.

The judges at the frequently delayed international tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, initially rejected a defence plea to drop charges of genocide against Jean-Paul Akayesu, a former Hutu mayor, or post-pone the trial. The court or-dered the hearings to continue on Monday.

But the prosecutor inter-rupted to admit he was still not ready. He pleaded for a week to bring witnesses to Arusha, and then asked for a fortnight. The defence called for a three-week break. The judges threw their hands up in despair, reversed their earlier deci-sion and called a halt to the trial for a month.

Mr Akayesu arrived at the court in handcuffs but was brought to the dock unwas orought to the dock in-shackled. He sat in the dock staring ahead, showing oc-casional flickers of anxiety. He spoke only once, to tell the judges he is married with five children.

As the former mayor of Taba commune in central Rwanda, Mr Akayesu is accused of organising the murder of Tutsi children, women and men in his own office, as well as overseeing the slaughter of hundreds of others.

He is alleged to have turned hospitals and schools into torture cham-bers and extermination centres, and to have recruited children to act as lookouts for Tutsis. About 2,000 people are estimated to have been killed in the

area under his authority.

The judges ordered that the identity of witnesses against Mr Akayesu be kept secret. The continued killing of Tutsi survivors means there is a possibility Hutu extremists will try to murder those due to testify before the tribunal.

In the United States, the FBI has arrested a Rwandan Hutu, aged 73, wanted for genocide by the tribunel. Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, a former leader of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Rwanda, is

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When Josephine saw Ves-

tine, bloodied and beaten, and

the children gone, she ran to the barricade. "I begged them

to kill me too. They were sup-

posed to be merciless but they

thrown into the pit latrines.

A car bomb killed at least seven people and wounded 20 vesterday near the market in Boufarik, Algeria, security

Boufarik is 12 miles south of Algiers, the scene of previous bombings blamed on Muslim fundamentalists. — Reuter.

Armenia patrols

Thousands of troops backed by armoured vehicles patrolled Yerevan. Armenia. for a second day yesterday following President Levon Ter-Petrosyan's presidential election victory. — Reuter.

**New Thai poli** 

The Thai prime minister. Banharn Silva-archa, dissolved parliament yesterday, putting an abrupt end to a week of political confusion. Elections are expected to be held on November 17. - AP.

**Bridegroom bolts** A groom who bolted while making his marriage vows in Auckland had to be rescued by police when his irate bride and prospective mother-in-

Association reported yesterday. - Reuter. Palme role denied

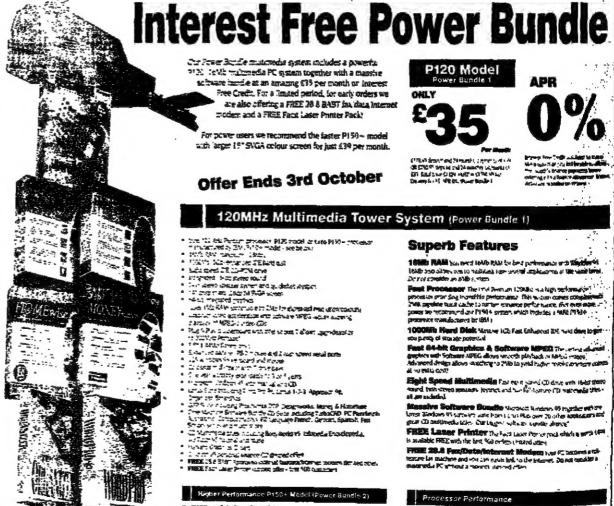
street, the New Zealand Press

The former apartheid spy Craig Williamson has denied charges by a South African police colleague that he was behind the killing in 1986 of the Swedish prime minister. Olof Palme - Reuter

Kurdish clashes Turkish soldiers killed 60 Kurdish guerrillas in clashes yesterday in Hakkari and Sirnak provinces bordering Iraq and Iran. - AP.

New fish found

Scientists in Vietnam have found a new fish eight inches long with a gold stripe on its back on the mountainous border with Laos. - Reuter.



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# Mojahedin at the gates

long line of Afghan rulers who have died violently. Yet, in a society which has known two decades of turbulence, he may be remembered for the relative stability of his six years in power.
Najibullah was often sim-

plistically described as a struggle. The United States murderer because of his period running the Khad, the period running the Khad, the period Yet he became a side, based in the refugee of Peshawar and the period ruming the Khad, the secret police. Yet he became a skilful and intelligent politi-cian who kept the Afghan capital. Kabul, free of war and won the respect of its inhabit-ants, especially after it fell prey to the jealousies and in-fighting of the mojahedin. His diplomatic skill also modified Mikhail Gorbachev's rush to withdraw Soviet troops from Afghanistan so as to improve his regime's chances of

remaining in power.
Najibullah was born to a middle-class Pashtun family. A strong man with a cheer laugh, he was a medical student and activist on the camous of Kabul University in the 1970s, when it bubbled with groups wanting to modernise a feudal country. Some followed the Islamic

path advocated by Profesor Burnahuddin Rabbani, who after exile in Pakistan became Afghanistan's president a few months after Najibul-lah's overthrow. For Najibullah the route was through the secular People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the only one of the three campus Marxist groups which identified with Moscow. The PDPA became the best organised and it was no surprise when it mounted a successful coup in April 1978.

In power party divisions grew, based on ideology, the pace of the revolution, and clan and personality issues. Najibullah was a member of the Parcham wing which fell out with the impatient, radicalising Khalq faction under Hafizullah Amin as it pushed village literacy drives and with little sensitivity to peas- protectors are gone, the 27, 1996

OHAMMED Najibullah, who has been murdered in Kabul cies launched two decades of Jorbachev also thought Najibullah, who has been murdered in Kabul cies launched two decades of Gorbachev also thought Najibullah, who with the minimal role the inevitable," Robert Peck, the US negotiator, told Congress. has been murdered in Kabul cies launched two decades of civil war. Najibullah fell out with the Khalq faction and went into exile until the December 1979 Soviet invasion. forced the view that the Kabul regime was an alien, atheist implant, giving new impetus to the civil war and turning it camps of Peshawar and the North-west Frontier Province.

Najibullah ran the secret police, a job which inevitably in a civil war involved cruelty and killing. The regime controlled the cities and could pass along the main roads. The mojahedin moved at will in the mountains south and east of Kabul but never seized a major town.

OR AT least five vears the war was stalemated, then Gorbachev decided that withdrawal was the best option. The KGB thought that, as a Pashtun. Najibullah would have a better chance of managing the retreat and keeping a pro-Moscow regime in power than Babrak Karmal, who had been installed when the tanks first arrived.

Thus did Moscow support Najibullah's 1986 takeover. He gradually reversed the reforms of 1978 and sought to broaden the base of the regime by re-emphasising Islamic and nationalist symbols. It was an uphill struggle because of the easy propa-ganda target of Soviet athe-ism. But by February 1989, when the last Soviet troops pulled out. Najibullah had done a remarkable job of consolidating support — helped partly by the mojahedin's fanatical posturing which frightened Kabul's urban middle class.

The US and most of the diplomatic community did not understand Najibuliah's support base. "Once the Soviet clan, born 1947; died September

bullah was doomed. Unusually, it was KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov and foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze who forged an alliance behind Najibullah in the prewithdrawal period, believing it would leave a poor signal if the Soviet Union abandoned its friends. At home Najibulluh played the nationalist card, making a virtue of necessity once the Soviet withdrawal was inevitable. In an interview shortly after the Russians had left, be described the Soviet presence as a "diktat" which

He survived another three years in power, finally falling after General Abdul Rashid Dostam, a key army com-mander in northern Afghanistan, made a deal with Ahmed Shah Massoud, a Tajik and the mojahedin's best commander. By then Najibullah was negotiating with the United Nations for a peace deal with the mojahedin under which he would resign in exchange for a broad-based new government. The deal was never finalised, largely because Najibullah was persuaded by Benon Savan, the UN envoy, to leave power before the other side had ac-cepted its side of the bargain.

he had got rid of.

Everything unravelled. Najibullah fled to the UN compound and the heavily armed mojahedin entered Kabul with barely a shot being fired. But their internal tensions had always been greater than those within the PDPA; they soon turned on each other.

Kabul, previously a haven of relative peace, became the target of artillery and rocket fire. Refugees were sent scattering. Food became scarce. The water system collapsed. Safe within the UN compound until this week, Najib could hear the roar of war but not see the devastation which had followed in his wake.

Jonathan Steele

Mohammed Najibullah, politi-



Keeping the peace . . . Najibullah kept the Afghan capital, Kabul, free of war

Silas Roy Crain

Power Bunk

## Sweet gospel sound that still stirs the soul



Celebrity singers . . . the Soul Stirrers, with S R Crain (front, right) and Sam Cooke (front)

helm of arguably America's most influential and innovative male vocal quartet, the Soul Stirrers. And of all western popular music forms none has been more enduring than the male vocal quartet. Latter-day groups of male singers, trading harmonies and antiphonic leads, may trace their provenance to the Beatles or, at a push, the Temptations, but the origin goes back much further.

The years following the American Civil War threw up a musical phenomenon in chools and colleges established for an elite of freed slaves. Across the old South, "jubilee singers" synthesised spirituals and European concert pretensions. The cost of maintaining such large entourages of singers gave way to more economical groups and the quartet emerged in the early part of the 20th century. As an 11-year-old in Trinity, Texas, Crain formed his first

group with schoolfriends at

choir trainer approached Crain afterwards and declared that they had stirred his soul, prompting the group's name. Around 1931, as the Depression hit. S R Crain (the S was often taken to refer to the designation "Senior") moved 100 miles south to Houston to work in a

rice mill. In Houston, Crain encountered the Reverend Walter Le-Beau's New Pleasant Grove Singers. The quartet's bari-tone had just died and Crain was asked to join. He did so. stimulating that they change their name to that of his origi-

nal group. The Five Soul Stirrers of Houston, as they were known, achieved early recognition from the veteran folklorist John Lomax, who recorded them for the Library of Congress in 1936. The four songs recorded featured S R Crain with LeBeau, Edward R Rundless, A L Johnson and J

W Thomas. Even then they

ILAS Roy Crain, who the Mount Pilgrim Baptist were highly unusual vocal his shoes. Sam Cooke, the has died aged 85, spent Church, performing tradi-almost all his life at the tional jubilee spirituals. A declare that they created "the gospel celebrity almost overmost incredible polyrythmic music you ever heard." Crain added Rebert H Har-

ris and bass singer Jesse Far-ley, cementing a partnership that endured for 20 years. Harris became second lead voice, allowing one lead to solo across an intact four-part harmonic underframe. This, and other stylistic devices were then unheard of but the innovations that Crain (by now both manager and ar-ranger) and Harris introduced transformed all quartet music — secular as well as religious — and paved the way for every popular singing

group that followed.
The Soul Stirrers moved to Chicago in 1937, immersing themselves in the new gospel music of Thomas A Dorsey and Mahalia Jackson. By the early 1950s, they were already the most successful quartet of the day when Harris suddenly quit and Crain recruited a good-looking young singer from the Highway QC's to fill

night and Crain stayed with him as co-writer, confidente and mentor, as Cooke crossed over to become the first superstar of soul music. Crain was co-author of You Send Me: The Life And Times Of Sam Cooke which was published last year and became a bestseller.

A rough-hewn man with few pretensions, Senior Roy Crain was what might be described as one of the great un-sung heroes of group vocal music. Except that they are all, almost without exception. echoing his style without even knowing it.

Crain is survived by his wife, Myrtis, a son, Steven; two daughters, Loretta Vaugn and Delores Smith; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Viv Broughton** 

S A (Silas Roy) Crain, singer and arranger, born 1911; died Sabine Zlatin

## Au revoir, les enfants

ABINE Zlatin, who born in Warsaw. She was arhas died aged 89, was known for more than 50 years as La Dame d'Izieu. With her husband, Miron, she had made a large nouse at Izieu, a tiny village in the Ain department, into a wartime refuge for Jewish children.

Jews there, aged from five to 17, with seven adults, when on April 6, 1944, a detachment of German troops accompanied by three civilians thought to be members of the Gestapo, raided the house. The Jews were taken to Auschwitz and over the next few weeks perished in the gas chambers. One child was released during the journey because he was not Jewish, and one woman used false identity papers to escape death. Her husband and two of the children were shot in

Zlatin had been working as a Red Cross nurse after the defeat of 1940. She was in the region of Montpellier when the anti-semitic laws of the Vichy government removed her from this position. She then worked for a "save the children" organisation and visited the camps where French officials had interned Jewish families of foreign origins prior to transferring

them to eastern Europe.
She saved many Jewish children from the camps. placing them with families or in religious establishments. It was quite common for her to cycle out of a camp, past the French guards, with a child concealed under her

When she was advised that this was becoming dangerous, the sub-prefect of the region, Marcel Wintzer, arranged that she should move to Izieu. in the Italian occupation zone, where she could keep the children in relative comfort and safety. And for slightly more than a year, Izieu was a happy place, at the time having more than 80 inmates.

But there were warning signs: strangers arrived, showing an interest in the house, so Zlatin went to Montpellier seeking another house of rafuge. It was while she was there, on Holy Thursday, that the Germans went to

When she returned she found an empty house. On the table lay the children's bowls with their unfinished break-fast cocoa. She went to Vichy to ask that the children be brought back, but found no sympathy for Jews of foreign origin. She appealed to the Bishop of Chambery, but he said he could not place Jewish children with others.

rested by the Polish govern-ment for having paraded with a group of workers on May 1, 1923, and on her release she had gone to France as an ex-ile. She married a fellow Pole and with him became a naturalised French subject in 1939. They had owned a chicken farm in northern

France. After April 1944 she joined the Resistance, and, after the liberation of Paris worked in the Hotel Lutetia. receiving those who had been deported as they returned home. Her subsequent work varied, in-cluding spells as a courier, although her principal activity was as an artist

But her life was dominated by what had happened at Izieu. She would walk the silent corridors of the house and remember how it had once echoed to the sound of children. She collected together all the drawings and letters she could find, and kept records of all those who had ever stayed there.

She had two burning ambitions. The one was to see justice done to those responsible for the tragedy of Izieu. This was met by the trial and the condemnation of Klaus Barbie, the German Gestapo chief, in the summer of 1987. In the trial's aftermath Ziatin spoke in public, expressing her delight and refusing ever to forgive him.

The other ambition was to make Izleu a memorial to the victims of Nazism. This was met by the inauguration of the Musee d'Izieu, by the President of the Republic on April 24, 1994. It is now a permanent monument to those who suffered and it displays the portraits of all the young people whom the Nazis seized and murdered.

Douglas Johnson

Sabine Ziatin, nurse, January 13, 1907; died September 21,



Sabine Schwast had been Zlatin meeting Mitterrand

Letter

Karl Dallas torises: I had tively to my (to him) inexplimany battles, as a writer, with the Melody Maker's Ray Coleman (obituary September 12) over things like the Fword, but having previously been pigeonholed as a folkie, under his editorship I could extend my coverage to my first love, jazz and even the avant-garde: in my cuttings book I have interviews with Frank Zappa and even Karl-Heinz Stockhausen. He told me once that his aim was for Melody Maker to be a news-paper of record, and he suceeded, for much of the time. While it is true that he

which led to a 50-year-old fart rubbing shoulders and dodg-ing the flying spittle in clubs like the Roxy and the Vortex and heading up a flying column of punks going to Tottenham Court Road nick to get Sham 69's Jimmy Pursey released from custody. When senior management

cable enthusiasm for it,

moved Ray sideways, then out, those who followed lacked his vision. The specialised sections which had testi-fied to the paper's broadness were axed, and it was this hated everything that punk narrow-mindedness wh stood for, he responded posi- led to the paper's decline. narrow-mindedness which

Face To Faith

## Christians also have a mystic journey to make

Edward Bray .

VERY true religion is born from a mystical exand attracts increasing numbers of followers, this mystical aspect is lost or hidden. It becomes secret teachings to which only selected people may become initiates, like the Sufis within Islam. Or it is rejected altogether as in the protestant Christian Church. Either way the majority of followers know little about it. Just as the three main

monotheistic religions. Juda sm, Christianity and Islam, all derive from the ancient He brews — we are all the "chil-dren of Abraham" — so the mystical foundation of all hree have their origins in the Hebrew Kabbalah, which is to be found hidden in the Old Testament. Hidden in the true occult sense of the word because its teachings stem from those stories which are well known, but little understood. The creation myth in Genesis. Moses leading the exodus from Egypt, Ezekiel's vision of the charlot, Jacob climbing the ladder, the building of the tabernacle, and Solomon's temple are all examples of stories which religious dogm has always insisted we take as simple but unalterable historical narrative. The puzzle is how the depth of meaning it these stories has never been explored in the way that the meditations of Buddha, and other eastern philosophers such as Confucius and

Lao Tsu have been in the West. Why should our knowledge of eastern esoteric thought be so much greater than that of our western system, even to the point where many believe there is only an eastern mysticism? One explanation is that the protestant Church has not allowed any of the mystical traditions to penetrate its dogma, along with its rejec-

tion of ritual, and its adher-

ence to a literal acceptance of

the Bible. Catholicism has its

inner teachings. We know a

little about the Sufis within Islam but this is due more to the colourful dance ritual of the whirling dervishes than to an understanding of their ideas. The Jews are aware of the existence of the Kabbalah. although many of those who practice it tend to consider it specifically a part of their own faith, and not to be shared with gentiles.

Christians and Muslims have not maintained the mystical inheritance of the Hebrews. But in the Kabbalah. one can see a continuous mys tical tradition. Five hundred years ago, it underwent a reformation in Spain, which was part of a large Islamic empire covering most of the Middle East and almost encircling the Mediterranean, a time when the self-confidence of the Mus-lim rulers permitted a religious tolerance and freedom not seen in the world since. It was during this period that the present form of the Kabbalah was developed by Jewish mystics, and in such an envi-

ronment the rebirth was

strongly influenced by Christian and Islamic, as well as specifically Judaic interpreta tion was developed in Pales tine a century later, though the 15th century Spanish form is the dominant kabbalistic philosophy today. But what does it say to us? How can the tree of life symbol which emerged from the Spanish reformation, and the Old Testanent stories have any relevance in today's society? HE 10 circles with the in-

terconnecting paths that

make up the tree of life symbol, and the signs and Hebrew words that cover them. look very complicated to anyone browsing through works on the Kabbalah in the high-street bookshops. The 10 circles or spheres - actually there are 40 because there are four "trees" superimposed one over the other — do look a bit complex, but since they are intended to represent the whole of existence between the divine creation and human life, this is perhaps understandable.

In its simplest interpretation the tree is a map for us to find our way back from our existence in human form to our spiritual home, which is really the intention of the believer in any faith.

One of the most well-known Bible stories is that of Moses eading the tribes out of

Egypt. This has a profound interpretation within the Kabbalah — it is an analogy of death. It represents the soul leaving the body and finding its way back to the Godhead.

Egypt is the physical body and the Israelites represent the soul trapped within it.
Just as ordinary people fight
to hang on to life, so the Pharaoh did everything possible to prevent his slaves leaving. But death has to come; there has to be a time for everybody when the soul finally leaves, and this point of no return is symbolised by the closing in of

reach the far shore.
The Bible tells how they berated Moses for leading them to this land; they had been slaves in Egypt but at least they had been fed and felt secure. Now all they faced was fear and uncertainty in the wilderness.

the Red Sea as the Israelites

This is how the Kabbalist perceives the soul at death. It not something which immediately acquires complete knowledge, and finds its reward in paradise, but some-thing which still has to face fear, uncertainty and hardship, yet eventually crosses over to be united in the Godhead — just as the Israelites in the Bible eventually crossed the river into the promised land.

Edward Bray is a Kabbalist (and a gentile) and teaches religious philosophy.

#### Weekend Birthdays

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* THERE'S been heavy media over of Brigitte Bardot - 62 today - because her memoirs are on their way out. This gives chaps who may have been young once, like AN Wil-son, a chance to declare they'd still be her slave in her derelict, cat-ridden farm up a French track, and lay-out designers of all ages and sexes an opportunity to make a morality tale of the juxtaposition of old film stills and modern news-shots of a formidable Bardot in mid-animal-rightsdemonstration. As though age only happens to beautiful fe-males who love freely and leave freely. There's a famous statistic that in 1957, 47 per cent of all French conversations were about BB — bet most of those went "She'll be sorry one of these days"; now these days have come and it turns out from 550 pages of confessions she was sorry all long, suicidal, needy, and boozy. How could anyone not

have been sorry when their

rite Duras wrote that day.

30th birthday was treated as a

calamity in France — Margue

"fear is showing in the face. Already the warning signs of

evening are there, an evening

full of wolves . . . she is alone.

at the head of a team which

does not exist." Well. in the

have a team, so there — her

vulpine twilight, she does



animal organisation, which pay be doity but is not useless the new regulations at last improving French abattoirs are called the "BB laws". She's sad if you're sorry now.

Sir Colin Berry, morbid anatomist, 59; Joanna Drew, gallery director, 67; Peter Egan, actor, 50; Dame Phyllis officer, DHSS, 74; Sir David Hannay, Britain's UN ambassador, 61; Jeremy Isaacs, di-rector, Royal Opera House, 64; Ellen Malcolm, painter, 73; Marcello Mastroianni, ac-tor, 72; Helen Shapiro, singer, 50; Jon Snow, television journalist, 49; William Staple, director-general, the Takeover Panel, 49.

orrow's birthdays: Michelangelo Antonioni, film director, 84: Gene Autry. cowboy actor, 85; Lord Ave-bury, Liberal peer, 68; Robert Benton, film director, 64: Richard Bonynge, conduc-tor, 66; Sebastian Coe, athlete and Conservative MP, 41; Anita Ekberg, actress. 65; Prof Dorotby Emmet, philosopher, 92; Greer Garson, actress, 88; Patricia Hodge, actress, 50; Prof Richard Hodges, prehistorian 44; Jimmy Knapp, trade union ist, 56; Jerry Lee Lewis, rock 'n' roller, 61; Canon Paul Oes treicher, human rights campaigner, 65; Lech Walesa, for-

Death Notices

mer President of Poland, 53.

In Memoriam

Births

## The pensions minefield

We must help the poor

LABOUR is in trouble. On the eve of its conference. warfare has broken out on the worst possible front: welfare. Division within the party over pensions has widened. It now has only three days to settle this dispute before the conference debate next Wednesday. Harriet Harman, with good cause, is on the backfoot defending the indefensible. She has been put there by the heroine of an earlier age: Lady Castle, Social Services Secretary in the 197479 Labour government, has indicted Labour pensions policy. Her critique is spot on. It's a sell out. Basically, there is little difference to Tory policy. Pensions will remain tied to prices rather than earnings. There will be no compensation for the sums lost by the breaking of the earnings index in 1980 (currently losing single pensioners £1,000 a year and married couples £1,500). All that is offered, in the vaguest of pledges, is a new low-cost, second-tier pension in partnership with the private sector.

But the Castle plan is equally flawed: the restoration of Tory cuts to the second state pension (Serps), the restoration of an earnings-related index for pensions. plus a once-and-for-all compensation of £5 for single pensioners and £8 for couples. The problem is the indiscriminate way it provides relief to all pensioners, rather than those who have been squeezed. By trying to help all, Lady Castle is really hurting the poor. The biggest scandal of the last 16 years is the widening inequality of incomes in pensioner households. This should be the party's prime concern. Given the current choices of standing still with Harman or returning to the 1970s with Castle, the party should reject both

options. It needs a policy for today. There are key aims to achieve. First, a national consensus. The nation's 10 million pensioners are fed up with the constant changes to policy. If there is one goal a social security system is supposed to achieve it is security. The inability of Labour to unite even its own ranks is a measure of the insecurity on offer. A second goal in an age when neither major party will support a proper progressive tax policy is to use other programmes, like pensions, to achieve an element of redistribution. Third is to take note of developments. Two-thirds of people over 65 now have an occupational pension. For the recently-retired these can be generous. The richest 20 per cent of pensioners received £20,000 or more in 1993. The richest 1.5 per cent are paying toprate tax. Yet at the bottom poverty has deepened: over four million are now dependent on means-tested benefits. Labour should return to the idea of a minimum pension guarantee, - indexed at 1 per cent above earnings, while, at the other end, there should be no index at all. Better still, the basic pension of all people with second pensions of over £30,000 should be transfered to the poor. Sadly, that's too radical for Labour.

#### Kabul's savage end

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We should not wash our hands lightly

AFGHANISTAN has been a war too many for the Western world since it was "won" when the Soviet army withdrew. It then slid quietly into a series of grim civil conflicts; the latest has now resulted in the occupation of Kabul by the crusading - and fundamentalist — Taliban militia. Even yesterday's news would attract less attention outside Afghanistan if the victorious Taliban had not executed the former President Najibullah and his brother and hung up their beaten filling lives?
David Bothwell. bodies for public display. On the streets of Kabul yesterday, the mood appeared to be more one of relief as refugees returned home. This is a devastated city where half the population lacks adequate food and shelter, 100,000 are wholly dependent on UN aid, and death from incoming fire is a daily threat. It may seem better, for the moment anyway, to be ruled by the Taliban from within rather than shelled by them from outside.

The Afghan tragedy has been compounded at regular intervals by the refusal of a losing side to accept that it has lost, or of a winning coalition to agree on how to share power. It is not yet clear whether the ousted government of President Rabbani and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar will settle for defeat. Even if it does, their forces will have to be accommodated somehow. The Talibans. disciplined by their zealotry, may turn out to be less faction-ridden and more durable. The speed with which Pakistan is moving towards recognition will improve their chances - as well as confirming the suspicion that Islamabad has been backing the Taliban all along. The UN protest at the execution of Najibullah is unlikely to carry much weight. Sympathy for the former dictator is limited although anyone who dies in this way deserves a charitable thought. The UN's peacemaking efforts have always been throttled back to a low level reflecting the faint interest shown by the Security Council It will be relieved to give up the effort and concentrate instead on humanitarian relief, which the Taliban have said they wish to continue receiving.

But before hands are washed too easily, we should pause for two thoughts. First, the victory of the Talibans means the submission of half the population those who are women — to more extreme forms of fundamentalist oppression. Taliban rule elsewhere has already been characterised by savage forms of punishment and severe restriction of women's rights. Second, the Talibans represent the logical consequence of a callous and careless policy of backing the anti-Soviet mujaheddin to the hilt. The enemies of our (communist) enemies were rewarded with cash, drugs and arms. Some of this has come back to haunt the West in the shape of "Afghani" terrorism. Most has remained in Afghanistan to shatter the lives of its suffering people.

#### **Police pursuits**

Haven't they anything better to do?

TO Thomas de Quincey it held the keys of Paradise: to others it is a scourge of society. But you don't have to approve of opium to wonder whether the police raiding the home of Paula Yates and Michael Hutchence for a small amount of the drug hidden with sweets under the bed could have made even Smartier use of their time. Instead of interfering with what two consenting adults may have been doing in their own home, they could have been acting on this week's figures showing a 10 per cent rise in violent crimes. Or would that have been too much like hard work?

Letters to the Editor

## In a flare over Mr Blair

ARTIN Jacques's devastating analysis (Tony Blair: the September 26) tells us more about the problems and fail-ures of new Labour's selfstyled intellectuals, the guardians of the "modernisation" process and their fellow travellers, than it does about Blair. For the last three years they, and those close to them, have revelled in delight as those controlling the project have heaped abuse and ridicule on their own party, while ruthlessly centralising power

Party members were not to he trusted with policy. Commitment to socialism and a passion for change was to be distrusted. All that mattered was the spin on the next news item. And the intellectuals of the new left, including Jacques, loved it — happy to spend their time fantasising about life in a post-modern world rather than address the

meaty issues of the day. It is inconceivable that policymakers, working in true partnership with real members, real people and real com-munities could have got them-selves into the kind of mess that Jacques describes. The majority of the party's mem-bership is far too focused on the real effects of 17 years of Fory rule to pass over the real challenges in this way. Labour's leadership, and its

ONE hesitates to intervene in a squabble as elevated

as the Dawkins-Ward punch-

up at Oxford (Letters, Septem-

ber 25). But could both Daw-

meaning or purpose") and Ward ("meaning and purpose

missing the point? Isn't it the

value? Whether we personif

simply depends on our taste for that kind of poetry.

David Boulton

Hobsons, Dent.

will not do.

Editor, Sea of Faith,

Cumbria LA10 5RF.

the meaning and value as God

HENRY Porter seemed to be doing a fine balancing act

Faith, hope and clarity,

September 23) until he came

Such a bleak conclusion

would imply that atheists, ag-

nostics and humanists are suf-

fering from a depth of pessi-mism comparable with that of

Christians who look forward

though deprived of hope for an

eternal life in heaven, at least

they are immune from the fear

of hell. How, I wonder, do so

come their despair to live

Southampton SO163PY.

many of them manage to over-

such happy, creative and ful-

ZRA Pound got near the truth when he wrote, "The

intimate essence of the universe is not of the same nature

Our own consciousness is in-

the universe, God, therefore,

exists. That is to say, there is

no reason for not applying the term God, *Theos*, to the inti-

mate essence . . . Concerning the intimate essence of the

universe, we are utterly igno-

rant. We have no proof that

capable of having produced

is our own consciousness

to the Day of Judgment, Al-

out with the astonishing state

kins ("the universe has no

derive from God") both be

human adventure which gives life its meaning and

We write, therefore we are

I party machine, need to re-engage with the ordinary mem-berhip, and fast. It is time to cut out the crap and get back to the real world. Andy Howell. Chair, Labour Reform. PO Box 5219. Birmingham B13 8DY.

AS A 23-year-old member of the Labour Party, there is no argument that angers me more than the accusation that a Labour government will make no difference to the country. I was six years old at the end of the last Labour government, since when all I have known is a widening of the gap between rich and poor, an NHS at breaking point and an unemployment rate that has quadrupled. New Labour under Blair

has already made five pleages to the country. If Jacques speaks of the creation of a meritocracy, surely the starting point for that is to provide nursery provision for all, to cut class sizes for five, six and seven-year-olds to under 30. and to get 250.000 under-25s off benefit. It is such change that can make a radical difference to ordinary people and begin to tackle the injustices that Tory Britain has created.

It may be easy for an educated, upper middle-class white male to make the claim that a Labour government will make little difference to the country; yet it is the millions

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many, or is divisible, or indi-

visible, or is an ordered hier-

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Dogma is bluff based upon ig-

ALTHOUGH existence is meaningless, as I am sure

it is, this is not a sound reason

for us not to base our lives on caring about what is true, just

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of people who have not been so | towards the idea of a New fortunate that New Labour seeks to reach. 21 Endlesham Road London SW128JX.

ARTIN Jacques has been in his think-tank too long. I am incensed at his negative, defeatist twaddle. Generations of Labour supporters have not been fooled into believing that just one person — whether a Tony. John, Neil, Michael or Harold -could make the difference. The problem is that too many of us have criticised from the sidelines and have been sub-orned by the objectively defeatist right-wing agenda or-chestrated by people like Martin. To him. politics is all

about personality.
The legacy of Thatcher is that she crushed hope and aspiration. The contribution of Tony Blair is that fairness and decency are firmly back on the agenda. The defeat of the the agenda. The de Tories will bring back hope, a very promising start indeed. Ian Renwick. 68 Acacia Road, London W3 6HF.

ARTIN Jacques's stun-ningly original analysis is hardly likely to set the left alight. However, it does have one effect - a negative one in reinforcing the lack of intellectual self-confidence displayed by those on the left

Labour government. Surely. proved intellectually bank-rupt, the left should be in the

scendancy celebrating new ideas and planning for change. I accept that intellecmal self-confidence may be a while in coming. What I am less willing to accept is that Blair is somehow worse than Thatcher because he lacks a vision for the country. She had far less of an idea about what she wanted to do to the country in 1979 than Blair has today. His vision is one of positive change rather than negative destruction. Ian Corfield.

PERHAPS Blair should consider hiring Mark Steel (Heard the one about New Labour? September 26) as his speech writer. He would at least then be able to give us a laugh, which is probably as much as we can reasonably espect from New Labour's

current project.

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London Ni. ARTIN Jacques asks
what is the point of electing Tony Blair if Britain is to remain unchanged? Surely that is the point. Ivor Dembina.

## The other Peter goes for Harriet

ARRIET Harman's letter on Labour's pen-sions policy (Septembe 26) omits the most important element of her plans.

Following the Pension Act 1995, the state-pension age will be equalised at 65 for both men and women. However, Labour's plan would allow everyone to draw the state pension from age 60. Labour's plan would incorporate the flexibility which already exists in the present scheme whereby anyone who delays drawing their pension gets a permanently higher one for the rest of their lives. But in practice, that is of minor significance — since nearly everyone (over \$8 per cent) claims his or her pension immediately on attaining state

pension age. Labour's plan to let people take their pension at 60 would cost \$15 billion a year more than a state pension age of 65, assuming the same full basic pension was paid. Labour has tried to repudiate that huge cost, saying its policy would be introduced with no burden on the public purse. The only way it can do that is if it cuts the level of the basic state pen-

To my astonishment, Harriet Harman wrote to me recently to confirm that Labour plans involve just that "a lower level of basic state pension". She promised to seek the advice of the Government Actuary" to see how deeply Labour would need to cut the basic pension in order to be actuarially cost-neutral. I have consulted him for her. The Government Actuary

states that, for people retiring at state-pension age, Labour's policies imply a cut in the basic state pension of £20 a week. Moreover, there could e no extra topping-up of this low pension from Labour's means-tested pension entitlement. And anyone retiring at 60 under Labour's scheme would be condemned to the lower state pension for the rest of their lives.

I am not surprised Harriet Harman decided not to tell Guardian readers about the lisastrous consequences of Labour's pensions policy. (Rt Hon) Peter Lilley MP. Secretary of State for Social Security. 79 Whitehall, London SW1H9JS.

HE arguments put by Harriet Harman against restoring the link between pensions and average earnings are pathetic. Firstly, the problems of the very poorest pensioners who she claims "would lose the pension increase pound for nound from their benefits could be redressed by changing the benefits rules. Secondly, the inequality of income could easily be dealt with by clawing back state pensions from the rich

through income tax. Surely Ms Harman has en-countered some constituents who live on the poverty line because their occupational pensions takes them just a few pounds above the benefit line? Does she not have any pen-sioners in her constituency who have to choose between food or heat even if they don't fit the miserable criteria to which she is working? Sylvia Parsons 109 Heron Drive, Lenton, Nottingham

RANK Field (Letters, September 27), clearly worried by what may happen at the Labour Conference when Barbara Castle arrives, rushes to support Harriet Harman in opposing the tween pensions and average earnings. He says this would do nothing for most of the

poorest pensioners.
But hang on a minute. Harman says Labour wants to help the 700,000 pensioners who are entitled to, but don't claim, income support. Surely Frank Field can see that they immediately receive, in full, the increase from restoring the link, without even having

to claim it. That leaves pensioners on income support. The way to help them is simple - just raise the basic pension sufficiently to make them indepen-dent. The idea that a state pension is poor relief went out Joe Harris. Chair.

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Serps into a private pension have the advantage sion have the advantage of being able to take a pension at 60 rather than 65. Harriet Harman's omission to tackle this bias reveals New Labour's lack of commisment to the state pension. Andy Walker. 120 Blythswood Road, Ilford. Essex IG3 89G.

#### A Country Diary

NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE: Two seal pups were wrestling with the pebbles; two females flopping in the water moved slowly around. One pup gave up the struggle, rolled on its back, scratching and enjoying the sun. Further out, a large bull emerged from the water, like a bottle, to survey the scene. His eyebrows and whis-kers added imperiousness to

an echoing roar. We were about to leave the coastal path to visit Llanwnda, a collection of farms and nouses grouped on the north side of a rocky outcrop, Garnwnda, with a neolithic burial chamber. Perched on the top, you can see a wide panorama of cliff and sea. In a field below is a standing stone. An old well lies beside the path. Brambles are fat and juicy, hawthorn berries grow in magnificence of colour and quantity. The parish church of St Gwyndaf was rebuilt by the Victorians, but ancient

qualities remain. Most of the medieval beams were kept and one has a roughly-carved human head standing proud. Earlier stone crosses have been used in the rebuilding. Generously, it is usually open so all objects of commercial value have been removed.: eaving a small church of invaluable presence.

Another worthwhile excur-

sion from the coastal path is Carn Ingli, the hill of the angels behind Newport. From the town you can approach it gradually over the moor. Afternatively, a steep ascent on the south side takes you up over lesser rocks until you finally reach the top. Take a compass with you, carefully set. As you move over the hill it will pick up the magnetic anomalies of the rocks. It was here that St Brynach was visited by angels. The grass is still green where they landed. Who wouldn't be

#### JOHN Ayto's article (You can swear by it, September doubtedly have gained the composer's cordial approval. The richness of Monteverdi's ment that the outcome of a godless universe is "incompa rable despair". This really have lived to see two compos-

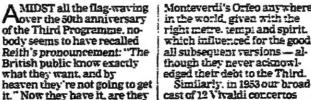
25), on the new play which some theatres feel the need to re-title Shopping and \*\*\*ing. recalls that it is just 50 years since Sartre wrote his play La Putain respectueuse (The Respectful Prostitute). The Paris metro would not allow the forbidden word on posters so it was advertised as "La P .. respectueuse". The conse-

quence was not to strengthen the taboo on the use of putain, but to ensure that the word respectueuse became a euphemism for whore. Perhaps the new play will do the same thing for the word

shopping, turning the most innocent reference to "going shopping" into an occasion for cheap innuendo. It is censorship, not "obscenity", which Ian & Birchall. Toby Court, Tramway Avenue,

London N9 8PG. S the success of Wensleydale (Dales cheesemakers scent success, September 25) due to the cunning BBC-TV advert by

Wallace and Grommit? AT Cox. 40 Ashmore Grove. Welling, Kent DA16 2RX.



Spin a disc with Monty and Viv

heaven they re not going to get it." Now they have it, are they any happier? Supervising music in those distant days. I am happy to ers (then little known) come into their own: Monteverdi

and Vivaldi. Although my brief stretched from Leonin in the 12th century to Reger in our own. I was basically an "early-music expert" and recall from 1952 the first-ever professional production of

## Bankers of the world, unite

**JOUR** report on the initia-I tive by non-governmental organisations and the World Bank (World Bank to admit flaws in policies for poor nations, September 23) did not accurately capture the nature of the endeavour.

Last year, a group of US and international NGOs proposed that the World Bank and organisations of civil society (CS) conduct a review of the bank's adjustment, lending and economic policy advice in conjunction with local populations, first, to see how the participation of local society can improve the econonic policymaking process, and second, to identify practical changes in

economic policies that will im-

prove people's lives. Findings will be incorporated in the bank's future economic policy reform operations.

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in the concert hall, but never

now on the air.

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(Proi) Denis Stevens

This is an important step in bringing together the strengths of the NGO community, civil society and the bank to work towards our common goal of ensuring that economic policies have the broadest possible positive impact on local societies and particularly on the world's poor. Douglas Hellinger. NGO/CS Network Lyn Squire. Director, Policy Research Department, The World Bank,

so visited up here? AUDREY INSCE

## How the likely lads made it rich on hot air

Washington DC.



Mark Lawson

N HIS breakfast show yesterday morning on London's Capital Radio, the disc lockey Chris Tarrant was disc jockey Chris Tarrant was conducting a phone in about irritating neighbours. If Tarrant sounded even chirpier than usual, it was perhaps because he had just won one over his own irritating neighbour on the airwaves. Chris Evans of BBC Radio 1, who resides over at number see just three doors down the information highway from Tar

rant's own berth at 95.8.

If had been a very good week for Tarrant, who had just signed a reported £3 million deal to continue his morning. ing show. His main rival had been less fortunate. Though Evans requires only a slightly smaller wheelbarrow to carry of the money he is paid by Radio I, his station controller. Keillor's novel, A Radio The deregulation of the air-

Matthew Bannister, made a Romance, and Penelope Fitz- waves — so that Radio 1, for mirable if it were not for the settle his disputes with work speech this week in which he gerald's novel, Human Voices. example, now has a national fact that his daring, and his men, his superiors seems powwarned that Evans - whose loose tongue and louche manner have brought a series of complaints about bad taste— was neither immune from BBC rates nor indispensable. Evans is said to have been privately rebuked yet again, following the use of his morning show to pursue a dispute with a construction firm which carried out work at his

The story of Tarrant and Evans is, finally, a moral tale about the way in which a per-son handles fame. It begins, though, with the considerable oddity that — at the end of a century in which television was born and multiplied two men can be paid seven figure sums for playing a few re-cords and chatting on old-fashioned radio.

No pundits predicted that radio — at least as a big busi-ness — could survive mass broadcasting of pictures. The wireless should have become the Norma Desmond of the media, going quietly batty in its longwave mansion while the cathode rays stole the show. Indeed, there is a whole cultural genre of elegy for the dying medium: Woody Allen's film, Radio Days, Garrison

That these obituaries proved false has rather less to do with post-war broadcasting do with post-war broadcasting policy than with post-war transport policy. Radio's lifeline was its portability, ever more so with the invention of the Sony walkman. And now the portable telephone ensures that even the call-in walkman. that staple of radio - is accessible to the travelling listener. It is no coincidence that Tarrant and Evans, British radio's first two millionaire presenters, broadcast in the hours between alarm clock and clocking-on.

The breakfast slot — and the reverse "drive-time" in the evening — are when peak audiences and revenue are are won, soothing listeners stalled by contraflows, overturned by contraflows, overturned lorries and signal failures at Slough. Although Tarrant's salary is technically paid by advertisers, and Evans's by licence-payers, they are really kept in palatial homes and paradise holidays by the traf-fic news.

It is, though, existing Tory media policy which is respon-sible for the levels of income now attainable by those who

competitor, Virgin, and Capital has many more rivals in London — has resulted in a diversification of audiences With established stations needing big names at the mike to shore up audiences — and newer outfits wanting them to draw listeners in — stars in demand can write their own contracts. In the seventies, Noel Edmonds had to leave radio for television in order to see what six noughts looked like on a cheque. Tarrant and Evans both cut back on television work to reap the long line

of zeros from radio. They have something else in common. Both became known by testing British broadcasting's conventions of order and decorum: Tarrant on a late-night TV show. OTT, and Evans on The Big Breakfast. But Tarrant, now 50, has been tamed by age and the rigid regulation of what presenters say, which remains in force in British broadcading despite the economic liberalisation There's nothing OTT about Tarrant now; he's more cheery than cheeky, the in-visible friend that all station

managers instruct their DJs to That Evans has retained his

assaults on broadcasting convention, are now so widely concerned with self-promotion. Using his Radio 1 slot to berate a construction firm about the state of the plumbing at his new mansion was unprofessional. More worrying was that his monol about the bogs seemed, like much of his recent broadcasting, designed to advertise the splendour of his lifestyle. He referred to his "£600,000

house", just as he recently revealed the "£3,000" bar bill from his week-long boliday. It is hard to know what his largely young audience more familiar with rent and overdrafts — make of this financial bragging. He refers to himself, without apparent irony, as a "celebrity". His supposedly outrageous stunts such as moving his whole show to Inverness during the summer because of the poor quality of London air — look more like standard celebrity self-indulgence. Elton John once revealed that his own worst prima donna outburst was ordering an aide to get the weather changed. Evans rejected the air he was asked to breathe.

Despite preventing Evans sense of danger might be ad- | from using their frequency to

rless to stop him from using BBC airtime to publicise his television show, TFI Friday, on Channel 4. Yesterday. again, he devoted several minutes to free plugs for the rival broadcaster, combined with a characteristic piece of admiring self-reference: "Got to go and learn 75 pages of script for TFI Friday tonight." Poor guy. let's hope someone soon invents an autocue. One of yesterday's items was a phone in based around events and characters in the life of Evan's show, a reverential concordance to the gospel according to Chris.
It could be argued that Tar-

rant's microphone persona is a form of dishonesty, though one common in broadcasting the multi-millionaire posing as the ordinary bloke. But Evans's style confirms that the reverse is worse: the once ordinary bloke boasting of his high-roller life.

There's a seventies' record that DJs still like to play: Video Killed The Radio Star. Tarrant's new contract shows this song to be decisively wrong. But the morning's other Chris should realise that there may soon be a lyric writ-ten about him that begins: "Ego killed the radio star."



Hattersley

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## Israel, caught again in the moral maze

#### Commentary Martin Woollacott

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suntry Diary

HERE is one group, among those in west-ern countries eyeing the dire headlines from the Middle East over the last few days, who will have read them with a particularly in-tense mixture of foreboding. anger, and, in some cases,

anguish.

Naturally people of Arab and particularly Palestinian origin who live in the West have their own strong emotions, but those of Jews are in this context more critical. From the beginning, Israel has lived in symblosis with the western diaspora communities, drawing on them for support of every kind. This is part of a triangular bargain struck between what became the state of Israel, western

ing and just after the second world war. Both governments and diaspora communities underwrite Israel's existence, while Israel reckons to be at least open to the moderating influence of western leaders. This is one of the hidden pil-lars of the international system, and it must now, as on two or three occasions in the past, be under severe strain. What happens in this interplay is of great importance because policy in Israel springs from it, not usually in some immediate sense but out of its immediate sense, but out of its slow evolution.

At its broadest, the question is where is Zionism, a hundred years after its inception? "So now the gang wants to be happy, does it?" the philosopher Hermann Cohen is said to have snorted, after a Zionist tried to convince him of the value of the enterprise on the grounds that it would make Jews happy. Happiness, in-deed, is not the word which immediately springs to mind when contemplating the

course of the Zionist project. What was to be a beacon for Jews has become also a bur-den and what was to be a place the state of Israel, western of safety for Jews is less safe ism, the dream of an independents, and Jewish communities in North America and western Europe during the state of safety for Jews is less safe ism, the dream of an independent in it is ism.

tory of Zionist thought. To The Promised Land, "The av-erage Jew walking the streets of Los Angeles, Golders Green, or even Moscow is safer than the average Israeli walking in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv." Life for the average Palestinian is even less safe. The terrible events in the Holy Land in recent days raise again the question of whether Zionism is an enterprise that can be

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strered, finally, into a peaceful berth or whether it will con-

of continued strife and

This is not a question that can be considered in isolation. Zionism was one of many ex-traordinary projects set in train toward the end of the last century, which began as fantastical and often derided ideas and ended with the messy realities with which we still live today. They included the dream of revolution in Tsarist Russia, the dream of a British realm in southern Africa as sketched by Rhodes and now being unfolded again on the television screen, the dream of an independent Ireland, the dream of pan-Turk

very consciously. Theodor Herzl himself spoke of politics as a dream which became a reality and which could be-come a dream again. "If you will it, it is no dream" was the motto of the novel he wrote about the future Jewish state. Mostly, this is the story of modern nationalism, which

has three obvious characteris-

tics. The first is necessity, in

that, as Ernest Gellner argued, the modern world is inconceivable without nationalism and nations. They are not an option but part of the way we live. The second is the risk involved for the human groups who set out on these journeys, very few of which end up as initially envisaged, a risk both physical and moral. The tinue to exist only at the price | moral risk points to the third characteristic, which is that these enterprises are always harmful to others, sometimes deeply so. Zionism has all these characteristics in excess. It was an even more farfetched dream than the others proposing to make a nation out of disparate Jewries in a place in which Jews had not lived in any numbers for many centuries. It proved riskier for those who under took it than most other enter prises and is still risky. And it proved excessively harmful to

others, above all to Palestinians The ways in which Zionism denied and evaded the Pales-

such concepts as "imagined communities" to do so, speaking of nations as novels written by statesmen, and of the need of people to be in a "narrative" or a "story".

In those days, they were constructing them, sometimes yeary consciously. The deal structing them, sometimes yeary consciously. society should be ordered.
Agrarian, socialist, authoritarian and religious schools contended. Yet the moral vacuum at the heart of Zionism the failure to face up to the fact that the dream could only be realised at the expense of

another people, co-existed bi-zarrely, some would say ob-scenely, with the moral concerns about Jewish society. Yet as Wheatcroft says, it is foolish to condemn the arrogance of early Zionism. It was of its time and the times were productive of big, adventurous projects proposing to remake the globe with scant regard for any who got in the way. What happened later is another matter, and what is

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ter still. The world in the second half of the 20th century has spent much of its time and energy trying to mop up in the wake of those big adventures, including the most terrible and evil of all, that of Nazi Germany. Hitler's Third Reich and the other fascisms aside the problem has been to try to strike a balance between preserving great projects, to

deeply attached and without which they cannot in any full ense live, and making restitu sense live, and making restriction to those damaged by them. For all the silliness that can often be seen in the romanticisation of the oppressed, this is an essential task, as essential in Israel as in America, South Africa, Australia as which the form

Australia, or, to shift the focus away from westerners, as it should be in Kurdistan, Kashmir, or Tibet. In Israel and among the diaspora, the threats of the present can militate against the long historical view that books like those mentioned offer. In the diaspora in America and Britain, Orthodox

views, often simplistically anti-Arab, are more influen-tial than they were before. Liberals, whether religious or secular, may be losing ground.
In Israel, there is a population
of Oriental or Russian origin
which has few connections
with and little time for preleast history. It is in that his 1948 history. It is in that history, however, looked at with honesty and a hard eye, and with a view to revision, that salvation lies. In Israel, the temptation is

to forget history and its les-sons and react only in the here and now, a here and now where aggressive forces aim to kill you and your family. So they have to be smashed and there is an end to it. But, as a weary Shimon Peres reminded Israelis and others yesterday, there is in fact no end to it. That is a matter of practical experience, for those who can learn, but it is also a matter of moral urgency. Is-rael has still to arrive at a reckoning of its own sins against the Palestinians, a recognition that Israelis owe Palestinians a debt which must at

#### **Blair's** shadow army



Martin Kettle

HO are the Blairites?
And more important,
where are they? Let
me make this clear at once. I am not talking here about those 200 or so elite names who appear in "Who's Who in New Labour" surveys. The people I am thinking of are the rank and file Blairites rather than the courtiers - the hundreds, perhaps thousands, pos sibly even millions of people whose hearts race at the possibilities of the Blair govern-ment and who can be counted on to support it when the going gets tough. Where are they? Do they actually exist? They certainly weren't at the Liberal Democrat confer-

ence at Brighton this week. It was rare to hear a good word spoken about the Labour leader in public and common to encounter coherent and sustained denunciation of him even in private.

Perhaps you would expect this, given the tribal character of party conferences, but the extent of it nevertheless surprised me. Blair, after all, is exceedingly well disposed towards the Liberal Democrats, talks their language, and never, ever attacks them. Both ideologically and tactically he appears, to some of us, to offer them the prospect of the most sympathetic gov-ernment in their lifetimes.

And yet the Liberal Democrats overwhelmingly regard him either as a wolf in sheep's clothing or, more likely, as an unacceptably rightwing trim-mer. Even the substantial numbers of LibDem activists who speak well of the Labour Party now routinely exclude Blair from their compliments. They much prefer Robin Cook, Chris Smith and - interestingly — John Prescott to Blair, let alone some of his ex-SDP advisers. And they are growing more confident in their criticism, too.

I arrived at a late night Lib-Lab fringe meeting this week, to encounter a staunch Blair-ite observer who whispered that the Liberal Democrat peer Conrad Russell had just delivered himself of the best and most unanswerable attack on New Labour that he had

But, you will say, these people are Liberal Democrats. At the end of the day they are bound to resist the blandish-ments of a rival party. If you seek Blairites, the proper there is an urgent need to recreate the mood of hope and Labour Party itself. To which I will answer both no and yes.

No. because if Blair is about Without that, I begin to fear anything he is about broaden- seriously for the future.

ing and reinvigorating the culture of the progressive majority, deliberately taking it out beyond the boundaries of Labourism — and it strikes me therefore as worrying from a Blairite point of view that he is so disdained in LibDem circles.

And also yes, because Blair has focused so much of his energy on recasting the party

— a process which in his eyes is clearly uncompleted. You would expect this new party to be the prime source of committed Blairites and, of

course, in one sense it is. At the top, they all claim to be Blairites now. But that's because the election is around the corner and because Blair will deal out the jobs if Labour wins. But in reality? Deep down? One Labour MP estimated to me the other day that

mated to me the other day that "perhaps a dozen" of her col-leagues can truly be classed as Blairites, and I'd say that about right. Their researchers, speech-writers and the party backroom staff, who are often much younger and less hidebound, are more commonly Blairite, though that's as often for opportunis tic reasons as from conviction. Beyond that? Well, I am be-ginning to wonder. We have often been told about the new

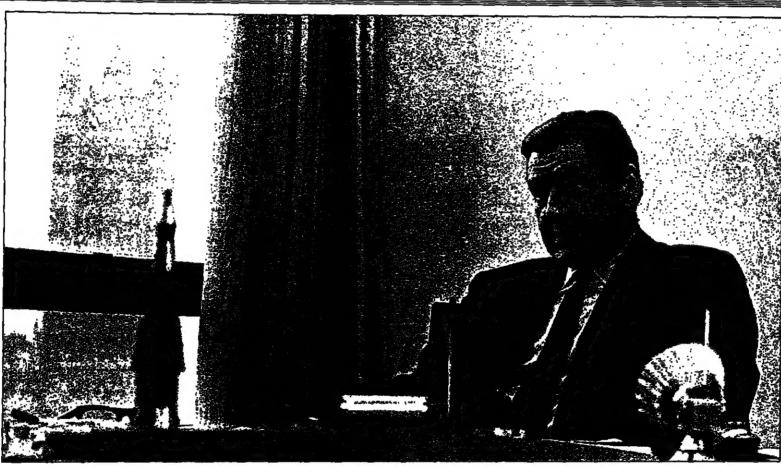
mass membership who have joined Labour since Blair be-(up 116,000 since Blair became leader) are good rather than earth-shattering and the rate of increase seems to have slowed. It is also impossible to discover how many people have left, rather than joined, since 1994. Anecdotal evidence (which may be misleading) suggests quite a high rate of departure, and you hear a lot of stories complaining that the new members are nothing like as active as those who have

Often do you actually come across people who say that they are really in-spired by Blairism? In my experiance, very rarely. And even less often outside the professional political class. I would feel much more confident on Blair's behalf if I knew or bumped into lots of Blairites, or if the spontaneous reaction to the mention of the Labour leader's name among people I met was enthusiasm rather than disap-pointment.

This doesn't mean they aren't all going to vote for him in the general election. They are. Or almost all of them are. But it does mean that, on the eve of the general election. Blairism appears like an army with plenty of officers and rather few soldiers. Victory will of course be marvellous for morale, but when the Blair government hits a crisis, its eaders may find that the troops have silently left the

Perhaps my own acquainttypical. Perhaps there is a mood of enthusiasm out there that I have missed. I will go to Blackpool next week with an open mind. But I don't intend to confuse a dogged determination to at last defeat the Tories, with a heart-leaping enthusiasm for what a Labour government might do. I be lieve, at the very least, that

**Tony Crosland** wrote The Future Of Socialism in the autumn of 1956. But although 40 years is a long time in politics, **Hattersley** believes the Labour leadership would do well to heed his comments in the week of the party conference



Mirror man . . . Tony Crosland, seemingly able to look forward 40 years to the 1996 Labour conference as he searches for socialism's future

# Back to the future

Socialism was published in the autumn of 1956. Its impact on the po-litical debate was instant and cataclysmic. At last there was a coherent and comprehensive theory of modern democratic socialism. Tony Crosland had con-structed the ethical framework on which individual policy decisions could be built. The arguments have worn

Forty years is a very long time in politics, so it is not surprising that the descriptions of contemporary society are beginning to show their age. Capitalism, Crosland announced, had changed.

Its most characteristic features have all disappeared the absolute rule of private property, the subjection of all life to market influences, the domination of the profit motive, the neutrality of govern-ment, typical laissez-faire div-ision of income and the ideology of individual rights.

That is how the world ap-peared in 1956, before Marga-ret Thatcher destroyed the comfortable consensus of welfare capitalism. Crosland was plainly wrong to believe that the Butskellism of the 1950s would last for ever. But, paradoxically, his error of 40 years ago strengthens his argument today. The Future Of Socialism meets head-on the diffi-culty of arguing the need for a new society when the old order was working so well. Indeed, Crosland believed

that "the main prop of traditional egalitarianism has been knocked away by its own success." Even without a conscious commitment to redistribution, the gap between rich and poor was narrowing

Three years after Tony Crosland died, Margaret Thatcher changed all that, the promotion of equality was The figures are almost too well known to need repetition. The incomes of the richest 10 | the practicability of his principer cent have, after allowing ples were, in a sense, second-for housing costs, risen by 61 ary to the ethical imperative.

absolute poverty and relative inequality have increased. Fourteen million people now live below the official poverty line and, according to a World Bank-OECD survey, one parent in five and one child in 10 goes hungry at least one day in the month because

there is no money for food. Had Crosland lived, he would not have written today, as he wrote in 1956, that egali-tarians cannot justify their beliefs with the "arguments which were often used before the war". If The Future Of Socialism is out of date, it is because its arguments have even greater force than they did when it was written.

Even so, the most extra-or-dinary quality of the book— at least by the standards of today's political debate— is its absolute confidence both in the need for great equality and the power of that idea to win the hearts, minds and votes of the British public.

Crosland had set out the case for changing Britain changes — 22 increases from "the most class ridden but a switch from it to VAT that has increased in the country in the world". Announcing how old heroes would react to events which occur long after their deaths requires particularly offensive presumption, But, know ing both the book and the man, I doubt if Margaret Thatcher's ideological revolution would have changed his mind about the need for interventionist policies which posi tively promote equality and he certainly would not have been impressed by her simplistic view that markets solve all moral and economic prob-lems. He believed in the market too, but thought that it

In part, his confidence was built on the strength of his convictions. He believed that morally right and the rational arguments he used to examine for housing costs, risen by 61 ary to the ethical imperative. per cent, while the earnings of He was as sure of the argu-

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redistribution was theft, he dismissed as "frivolous". The fear that it might cost votes, he regarded as "squalid". That would make him, by

the standards of today's Labour Party, an extremist — particularly since he believed that "equality of opportunity. though it leads to the most admirable distribution of intelligence, is not enough".
Crosland did not believe in a
meritocracy, but "the distribution of rewards and privileges so as to diminish the degree of class stratification, the injustices of large inequalities, and the collective discontents which come from too great a dispersion of rewards". These days nobody argues for that view of society. But nobody on the left can construct an argument

against it. The case for pursuing those three objectives is greater now than it was in 1956. It has been immensely strengthened by the Thatcher and Major tax but a switch from income tax to VAT that has increased the contributions of the poor and reduced the liability on the rich. Crosland asked — en-tirely rhetorically — "Why should the much taxed rich. who have lost so much, be further milched?" The answer. is clear enough now. During

During that time all sorts of rguments have been evinced to justify increased inequality. Crosland tried to balance the prize of utilising previously wasted human resources per cent of the population was

THIS WEEK'S ESSAYIST,

ley, has been Labour MP for

Roy Hatters

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since 1964,

has served in government

and opposition, and was

the last 17 years they have not lost, but gained.

HE Future Of the poorest 10 per cent have ments as he was of the princial against the penalty of losing unemployed. Today — even Socialism was fallen by 18 per cent. Both ple The Hayek argument that the incentives which are said though the method of calculato be essential to economic growth. Fortunately during the 40 years since The Future Of Socialism was published. our knowledge has improved. A series of academic studies has vindicated Crosland's instinct that greater equality, by encouraging the general commitment to success, actually promotes economic growth.

The golden age of the 1950s

and 1960s, when growth was at its fastest, coincided with unprecedently low and generally decreasing inequality. The turn towards inequality in 1980 did not produce generally improved economic perfor-mance. What is more, countries with less inequality have tended to grow faster, with no more instability.

EW Labour should have no difficulty in accepting that ar-gument. The study which proves that equality works was edited by David Miliband. Tony Blair's policy chief. It can, therefore, examine the arguments for equality without the inhibiting fear that egalitarians are really arguing for fair shares in economic

stagnation.
The effect of inequality on what Crosland called "social contentment" is described -in rather less polemical lan-guage — by every senior police officer who relates crime to social deprivation. Nobody doubts that unem ployment is the principal cause of poverty. In 1956, 1.2

Deputy Leader of the party from 1983-92. He retires at

the election, His books in-clude A Yorkshire Boyhood and in That Quiet Earth, and his journalism ranges from political analysis to TV reviews. He writes regularly for the Guardian, including a weekly Endpiece column.

tion has been changed in order to reduce the total -- the figure has risen to 7.5 per cent. If the feeling of common purpose and mutual respect was necessary for the peace and tranquillity of a society which had "never had it so good", it must be an essential aspiration now that young men leave school at 16 and, after years of enforced idle-ness, decide that life has nothing to offer them except canned lager, graffiti and car

Crosland conceded such young men are envious of the prosperity they see all around them. But "it is no more disgraceful to take that into account than it is to accommodate the greed of the richer classes, who claim that they must have higher monetary awards and reduced taxation as an incentive to greater effort". Tony Crosland antici-pated J K Galbraith's rightly acclaimed Culture Of Content-

ment by about 35 years. The Future Of Socialism brought the case for equality up to date by arguing that in any economic conditions, jus-tice requires rewards to be distributed on more morally defensible principles than either inherited wealth or the willingness to exploit the market and its consumers.

But he was profoundly con-temptuous of the notion that as long as we changed the pattern of ownership, greater social justice would automatically follow. He knew that it was also necessary to break down the institutional barriers that barred the path to a classless society. Principal amongst those obstacles was the education system. In 1956, it was openly based on segregation "according to ability." But then — as now — the real divide was social class.

His commitment to comprehensive secondary education was absolute - even though he was an equally enthusiastic advocate of streaming. And since he was inclined to judge on evidence rather than react | socialism that we need.

that the end of selection would reduce standards. Indeed, he rightly took it for granted that properly organised compre-hensive education would improve them. His passion for improvements is, with one amendation, reflected in the speeches of today's Labour leadership.

The differences between then and now are however, in land saw the comprehensive system as more than a way of improving the nation's educa-tion and offering the chance of fulfilment to pupils who had once been written off as 11plus failures. The creation of schools to "which children go, not as an automatic function of brains or class location, but as a matter of personal prefer ence" was an essential step towards the creation of a new society.

At a more practical level he realised that the complete end to selection is the only practical way to improve parental choice and he knew that increased education spending was essential to the achievement of his purpose. Not sur-prisingly, schools with small classes, highly qualified teachers and pupils chosen on academic ability and parent status, produced the best results. "Closing the gap" de-pended on "the priorities in national expenditure." The cri de coeur might have been writ ten last week. "Only if the Labour Party gives education a much a higher priority than in the past will the reality of improvement take shape, in the form of bricks and mortar and better teachers and a longer school career in more imaginative surroundings."

That, he knew, cost money. The basic lesson of The Future Of Socialism is that a Labour government that really wants to build a new society must spend what is needed to bring the changes. It is more likely to achieve that end if it has an idea to live by. Forty years ago, Tony Crosland provided the only theory of democratic

# 700 wounded 50 dead

You've seen the TV reports showing the violent clashes between the Palestinians and Israelis, Over 700 Palestinian people have been wounded and 50

"People are being operated on in the corridors. The wounded are lying on stretchers all over the place. we just can't cope". (Dr Shawki Harb, Director of Ramallah Hospital)

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# No easy cure for a society at war

took to the streets test at the govern-ment's legislation to cut sick pay levels by a

On Thursday 1000 employ Untertürkheim, near Stuttgart, downed tools at Daimler Benz's decision to cut sick pay from the current 100 per cent (for six weeks) to 80 per cent from next Tuesday.
Germany's biggest union.
IG Metall, is already talking

up a "hot autumn" of protest in plants and federal-wide According to a senior IG Metall official: "The employ-

ers are escalating things politically on the back of this new law and seeking new areas of

ERMAN workers | many and there will be more as further rationalisation is planned

> is not quite shared at Gesamt-metall, the engineering employers' body, but officials are determined to slash wage costs. "This time we must see it through. Firms cannot com plain about ever-higher costs. the highest unit labour costs in Europe, and, when they have the chance to do something about it, pass it up. It's a question of credibility for employers as a whole.

> The issue has raised com plicated legal and constitu-tional questions, generated a modulated response from unions and employers, and a desperate search for consensus and compromise among political leaders. In engineer ing and chemicals, most firms

Such an apocalyptic vision

- have uni- | national and local contracts laterally imposed the sick pay cut. But a handful - Volks-

Similarly, the traditionally less militant chemicals union. IG Chemie, has opted to eschew 'political' protests and has arranged top-level negoti-

are much more precise, IG grant breaches. "We have a twin-tracked approach," one official said.

They intend to organise a federal protest on October 24. the anniversary of the strike which won sick pay 40 years ago, and mobilise employees

of working time and cost sure is essential in a year DM60 billion (£25 billion) a when 120,000 engineering jobs year - driving investment

Riester, the union's deputy ings to be made are minimal first stage of Robl's belated leader, has acknowledged and labour costs in say, a campaign to rid Germans of that too many days in German industry are lost only 15 per cent of the total park" mentality and drive through "sickness". In engineering and chemicals they even at a 1 per cent saving in a mount to around 6 per cent.

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wider battle over the post-war

German model (the

'Cutting sick pay stirs up poverty', say the banners as car workers take to the streets, reflecting Germany's increasingly volatile industrial scene. David **Gow** reports on the conflict between social responsibility and effective competition

Voting with their feet: Mercedes Benz workers from Mettingen near Stuttgart protest against overnment benefit cuts

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measures to erode social labours to meet the 3 per cent budget deficit criterion for a single European currency, even deeper unrest in indus-try and within the Chancel-lor's own cabinet. The meagre in the liberal weekly Die Zeit)

## American brewer calls time on its talks over a beer

Joe Cook in Prague

"HIS week's decision by America's Anheuser gest brewer, to break off talks with the Czech government over the use of the Budweiser name in Europe has given British brewing company Bass the opportunity to strengthen its position in the

Czech beer industry.

Bass is the only foreign brewer to have gained the trust of the fiercely proud Czech beer industry. Since 1994 it has invested £70 million in the acquisition and development of three Czech reweries, including Prague's | Bohemia called Budejovicky | resumed trademark talks.

ty's third biggest. In July it moved closer to its aim of cap-ruring 35 per cent of the do-mestic beer market by taking a 20 per cent stake in a fourth brewer. Radegast, the country's second biggest beer

Bass's fellow shareholders at Radegast include several domestic investment funds which also own other breweries. Through these shareholder relationships Bass may get a hand on the coun-try's king of beers — Budvar. more widely known by its German name, Budweiser.

Budvar is made by a small, state-owned brewery in South

has been locked in a David and Gollath legal battle with the mighty Anheuser-Busch for the right to use the Budweiser name. Deals struck in 1911 and

1939 gave the Czechs the right to sell their beer as Bud-weiser in Europe. The Americans can use the name in every other continent. The battle resumed in the 1970s and 1990s as Anheuser-Busch took legal action in individual European countries and launched its beer in Europe as Bud. In the wake of the 1989 collapse of communism. the warring parties agreed on a legal moratorium and

The chief of Olivetti Per-

onal Computers, the subsid-

iary blamed for the compa-ny's huge losses over the past

five years, said yesterday that

OPC would close the year

Olivetti's share price has

collapsed over the past month

amid accusations that the

true extent of its problems was understated in the pre-

liminary half-yearly results

on September 3. The full in-terim report will be published

on Monday and is expected to

explain how the management arrived at the figures. Meanwhile, shares in Mr

De Benedetti's holding company, CIR, surged as it ap-peared nearer to finding a

ouyer for its indirectly held

controlling stake in Valeo, a large French car components maker. CGIP, a French hold-

near to break-even"

De Benedetti.

Busch effectively throwing down the legal gauntlet to the Czechs. "It's as if the Americans have said: 'let's start selling in Europe and let them take us to court'," said an industry insider in Prague.

It may be the private sector which has to respond to the legal challenge. Agriculture minister Josef Lux this week pledged to prepare the small brewer for privatisation by the year's end. He made it clear that the brewer would be sold to locals: "We think that Budvar does not necessarily need a foreign

That moratorium collapsed | hoceske Pivovary, a brewery | later date that company Ulinothis week, with Anheuser | based in the same town as ceske; may sell," said Mr Budvar. This firm is controlled by local investment funds, and therein lies the key for Bass.

"Bass has expressed interest in both Budvar and Jihoceske," said Mervyn Childs. Bass's widely respected country director in the Czech Republic. Bass has held talks with the government and Jihoceske's shareholders, many of which are Bass's co-owners of Radegast. The betting in Prague is that Jihoceske and the investment funds that own it - will get the Budvar brewer and that the Czech

An alternative for Bass could be through a marketing and distribution tie-up. Bass will have rivals. Den-mark's Carisberg and Hol-

Childs.

land's Heineken are hovering over the Czech beer industry.
In the meantime, Budejo-vicky Budvar's usually reticent managers have un leashed a verbal broadside

against Anheuser-Busch "Budvar beer has been made since long before Columbus discovered America. says Budvar's managing di-rector. Jiri Bocek "We will

## Capitalist Russia set for growth

Alex Brummer reports from Washington on a

new analysis by staff of the IMF

HEN the countries Soviet Union and Eastern Europe -including Russia -- finally emerge from the transition to capitalism they could achieve growth levels on a par with much of the rest of the devel-International Monetary Fund.

A new analysis by IMF staff, released at the annual meeting here, suggests that once reforms are in place the countries concerned have the potential for long term growth rates of between four and five per cent per annum - far higher than that being achieved by their counter-parts in the European Union. Inevitably, the closest focus

in Washington is on Russia and the need to maintain the impetus there on the reform process despite the current infirmity of President Borls

At a series of bilateral meetings here and in a special meeting with the G7 today Russia will be urged to go be-youd the fiscal and monetary disciplines imposed on it by the IMF - in exchange for more than \$10.2 billion (£6.5 billion) of credits — and focus on other structural issues, including reform of capital markets.

In macroeconomic terms, the IMF staff believe that, barring unexpected setbacks, the dramatic drop in Russia's output seen over the past five years could come to an end in

This year the IMF is forecasting that output will be only marginally down, by 0.6 per cent. against the 4 per cent decline in 1995 and the calamitous 15 per cent reduction in output in 1994, How-ever, given that the reform process continues, the IMF believes 1997 will see Russia returning to growth.
The IMF staff hold up

what can be achieved, with a growth rate this year of 5.5 per cent, following two previous years of robust

expansion.
This means Poland is now growing at levels above those seen when it was a centrally

planned economy.
Using a model developed by the IMF's deputy managing director, Stanley Fischer, the staff believe that Russia has now been through the neces-sary changes to move into a growth pattern.

Inflation has been brought down this year to 22 per cent (in the first eight months) As long as downward pro sure is kept on the budget deficit. through improved tex collections, it is expected that growth can be established. In the view of the BMF staff,

the experience across the for-mer Soviet Union and Eastern Europe over the past five important lessons.

First, the reduction of infla-tion from high levels is critical for halting and then reversing the decline in out-put which follows the reform Second, growth is unlikely

to resume unless there is sub-stantial progress on reform in a variety of areas from the banking system to privatisation.
Finally, the enterprise culture has to be changed, even if this means that there are

high levels of transitional un-In the IMF's view, une ployment can be dealt with provided the reforming economies adopt greater flexibilty in the labour market and establish retraining schemes for displaced workers focus

ing on the faster growing sec-All of this has to be accompanied by social safety nets in order to lessen the hardship associated with the trans-

in the IMF's view, the lag-gards in the former Soviet empire could begin to catch up with those like Poland and the Czech Republic which have been powering ahead as

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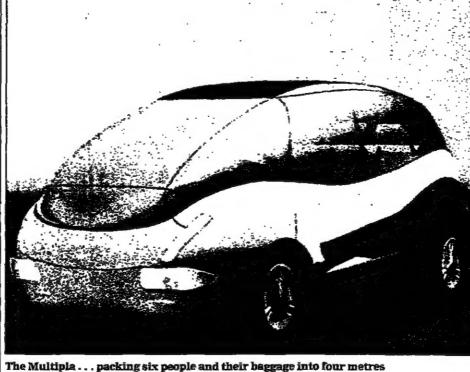
Daimler-Benz Aerospace | between \$200 million and (Dasa) confirmed that it is interested in acquiring Bremer Vulkan defence electronics unit STN Atlas Elektronik. British Aerospace and France's Thom-son-CSF have also been linked with STN.

A record 12.6 per cent of French workers were looking for jobs in August, the govern ment said yesterday. France has the highest unemployment of the Group of Seven industrialised countries.

is continuing its search to buy a US fund management company. Managing board member Rijnhard van Tets said this week that the bank was prepared to pay \$400 million to bolster its position in the US pension

☐ Mobistar. a consortium headed by France Telecom which operates Belgium's second mobile phone net-work, said it has signed up almost 10,000 subscribers just a month after starting.

☐ General Motors opened a new £100 million motor parts assembly plant close to Hungary's border with Austria vesterday, pushing its total investment in the country above £300 million, according to state news agency MTI.



John Glover

AHRAD of next week's Paris car show and two years before its planned launch in 1998, Flat this week presented its radically styled Multipla.

Four metres long — about the length of a mid-range saloon — the Multipla is a

## Olivetti soothes critics LIVETTL the computer | that everyone is happy with | which saw the resignation of

company which has come under fire from foreign investors, yesterday offered its critics a seat on the board. writes John Giover in Milan. The investors, led by Baring Asset Management, have put forward Dario Trevisan, a

representative, according to the Bloomberg news service.

judgment to act as an eye on the board. It would be reassuring, especially for foreign investors," said Talai Shaker chi, of Hampshire-based Old Mutual Portfolio Managers.

another large investor. Pressure from British-based institutions angered by Olivetti's string of bad results Bloomberg news service. helped engineer the board-'You only need one person room coup on September 3,

Milan-based lawyer, as their

'It was the political analysis (mine, not Callaghan's) that was wrong **Peter Jay** 

> Tomorrow, J K **Galbraith and Peter** Jay pick over the bones of twenty years of economic failure

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shrunken version of "people carriers" such as the Renault Espace. Inside, it is surprisingly roomy, with two rows of three seats each and, the company claims, nearly double the baggage space of more conventional designs. Ci Tick box if you do not wish to receive carefully selected offers

Eurocats

Fiat takes one small step into

space age — two years early

The company is vague about why it is presenting

the vehicle two years be-

fore launch. It may be to give the public time to be-

come accustomed to a vehicle that resembles a turn-

of-the-century saloon

crossed with a Jeep.
The Multipla is con-

structed around a "space

frame", a technique nor-mally used on low-volume sports cars. It avoids heavy investment in expensive presses but becomes uneco-nomical above certain vol-

umes. Fiat claims it can

make 45,000 Multiplas a year profitably, thanks to

IMF Notebook

Old order faces

up to new reality

Finance ministers plan global regulation network in the wake of Barings and Sumitomo scandals

# **G7 tackles market turmoil**

Alex Brumme

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**INANCE** ministers from the G7 club of industrial countries will today launch a Gow series of initiatives designed to reduce risk and turbulence on the global financial markets.

The menu of ideas, pro-posed by US Treasury Secre-tary Robert Rubin, is designed to improve global co-operation in the wake of a series of private-sector crises on the financial markets ranging from the Barings col-lapse of 1995 to the losses at

attended by finance ministers and central hankers from the US, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, the UK and Canada, with Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and Bank of England governor Eddie George leading the British team.

The US believes that, with

many of the IMF/World Bank reform issues behind it, the G7 can now deal more thoroughly with the turbu-lence that has accompanied the rise of global financial trading and the use of

derivatives.

Mr Rubin will propose a series of steps including "imseries of steps including among proved co-operation among regulators and supervisors, stronger requirements for The G7 meeting will be transparency and risk man-

agement in derivatives trans actions, and stronger finanial systems in emerging mar-

Mr Rubin said he would also use the occasion to assure the US's trading part-

ward pressure on the deficit, and any tax cuts proposed in the campaign would be be off

set by cuts.
There has been some concern among the US's partners

cans' presidential campaign

Americans believe EMU may force Europe to make further rate cuts

ners that a victory by Presi- | that the focus in the Republi dent Clinton in November's elections would not change the Democratic administration's position on the US budget deficit.

lead to a return of the large scale deficits seen during the Reagan/Bush era, undermin-The next administration in ing the stability and low infla-Washington would be just as I tion in the world economy.

Despite a worsening us nar-ance of payments position, the G7 is expected to use today's meeting to underpin its belief in the strong dollar, which has emerged since its statement in spring 1995 and the subsequent co-ordinated intervention on the foreign exchange markets.

Despite a worsening US hal-

Mr Clarke, who flew to Washington last night from the Commonwealth finance ministers' meeting in Bermuda, will find himself plunged back into the debate about European monetary union. The Americans, who will chair the G7, are anxious to be briefed about the latest developments on EMU.

There is a worry in Washington that the draconian

budgetary requirements of EMU, together with the pro-spective toughness of the stability pact, could have a detri mental impact on global growth. Senior US officials believe further interest rate cuts may be necessary in Europe to offset the impact of

The US is also closely watching the pace of the Japa-nese recovery. On the eve of the G7, the US Treasury made direct policies at the objective of promoting a strong domes-tic, demand-led recovery." Mr Rubin said.

no secret of its belief that the Japanese need to take steps to ensure that recovery is sustained, "In Japan, it's important that they continue to Alex Brummer

HUGE shift is taking place in the international economic order. Behind the obscurities of debt plans, capital increases, borrowing arrangements and sustainable development that dominate annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank there is a recognition that the richer countries can no longer go it alone. The G7 countries may just

about, still be able to direct the foreign exchange markets on the appropriate value of the dollar but they can no longer treat the Bretton Woods institutions as their fieldom. Even the Americans have come to recognise this.
Speaking in Washington
this week. US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin drew atten-

tion to the growing economic power represented by the emerging markets. He noted that the developing countries of Asia now account for some 23 per cent of world output and Latin America has been transformed into the secondfastest-growing economic region in the world. The US can no longer embark on any global financial exercise without a measure of consent from the developing countries. The G7 countries no longer grow fast enough or have enough independent resources to pursue any big initiatives on

The changing economic power structure first mani-fested itself at the Madrid annual meetings in 1994. It was then that the newly emdeveloping powered developing countries, led by India and supported by Michel Camdes-sua, the IMF's managing director, refused to go along with an increase in IMF resources which did not address some of the inequalities in international decision-making. The new G7: but a lesson had been

global meetings. In many ways the 1996 meetings — which will reach their climax over the next two days — reflect the new reality. Each of the technical problems tackled, from implementing the new debt plan for the poorest countries to bolstering IMF resources, recognises the new order.

AKE the debt plan. At the old IMF/World Bank, any proposal to write down the debt of poor countries would have provoked howls about the danger of moral hazard, that it would encourage any country with debts not to pay up. But, in the spirit of partnership which the G7 is now seeking to foster between North and South, such reservations have vanished. Behind the headlines about disputes over gold sales there is a recognition that debt forgiveness will allow improved delivery of health care, education clean water to countries like

Uganda.
It is also clear that the western democracies can no longer provide greater resources to the IMF on their own. That the IMF needs the cash is indisputable. Recordsetting rescue packages for Mexico, Russia, Ukraine and others have drained the Fund

-- a serious situation should, for instance, one of the heavily indebted countries of the Pacific (Thailand is often mentioned) run into difficulties. The immediate respons has been to increase the Fund's capacity to borrow through the General Arrangements to Borrow.
The 10 largest industrial

countries were unable to come up with the cash on their own, so they have broadened the group of potential lenders to include pros-perous industrial countries such as Austria and Australia as well as emerging market nations like Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Singapore. In return, these countries, whose growing importance has been recognised already at the Bank for International Settlements in Basie, are being granted a bigger global voice through a new group ing, the New Arrangements to Borrow. Much of the debate about the new borrowing facilities has been about giving the newcomers as much say as possible on how the credits are distributed.

Amore fundamental change in the economic order could occur if and when the IMF receives a longoverdue capital increase. Mr Camdessus has said that he would like to see the Fund's capital of \$190 billion doubled. (Although an increase of two-thirds is considered more realistic.) The capital increase will also provide an opportunity to take note of the

changing economic order.
Since the last increase, in 1969, the global economy has changed dramatically: the end of the cold war, the rise of Pacific Basin countries, dramatic changes in Latin America and the emergence of China as a global economic force. None of these changes is properly recognised in the IMF's capital structure.

As part of the exercise, the larger newcomers will receive quotes — the IMF's equivalent of shares and votes - through a complex formula based on their gross domestic product and role in the global economy. This redistribution is thought un likely to affect the big five at the IMF — the US, Japan, resources were vetoed by the Germany and France and Britain.

learnt. The wealthy could no longer control the agenda at the Chinese economy, the importance of Russia despite its shrinking ouput and the wealth of some of the Pacific countries inevitably mean that below the big four there will be some drastic shifts. The broadening of decision making being seen in Basis and in the arrangements to borrow will also be reflected within the IMF.

The real victims of this change may turn out to be the G7 — and Britain in particular. The G7 is starting to look unrepresentative. Moreover, it is facing strains in the runup to European monetary union. Once a leading group of European countries, including Germany and France, have joined EMU, lesser members of the G7 — Britain, Italy and Canada — could rapidly become second-class players on the international stage. Whereas the US, Japan and the Euro-bloc countries will be able to speak with one voice on critical issues, such as currency alignments, the outsiders could come to be een as irrelevant.

This possibility has begun to trouble senior UK monetary officials. Britain's influence could be squeezed by rising emerging markets on the one side and the monetary-power big three (the US, Japan and EMU countries) on

## **British Gas** in duff bills crisis talks

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locked in crisis talks with computer and telecoms experts last night as it emerged that thou-sands of customers are being threatened with disconnection without having an oppor-tunity to pay their bills.

As the computer company ICL and independent telecoms consultants joined British Gas in trying to correct the embattled energy company's £150 million billing system, the Gas Consumers. tem, the Gas Consumers' Council warned that thousands of people could expect a red bill or a disconnection warning before the standard bill which gives details of gas

Similarly, customers are being sent estimated bills when bills should have been based on meter readings. British Gas bowed to pres-

council last night to suspend disconnections for October. Some customers accused connecting them in the chaos Consumers' council director Ian Powe accused the com-

pany of being "guilty of serious errors of judgment". Voicing concern that customers could be frightened by the disconnection threats, he said that the situation had gling to dec been made much worse by the complaints.

ting. He said: "[British Gas's] computer system has a mind

of its own, and no one knows what it is doing." British Gas admitted that it did not know how many customers had been affected, but the consumers' council puts the tally at 12,000 in eastern England, and thousands more in the north. Doncaster was British Gas denied that the problem had been made

worse by staff cuts. The company claims to employ 2,400 more people than are theoretically needed.

British Gas blamed prob-lems with its new national computer system which replaces 60 regional systems. The company said the govern-ment-imposed timetable for the introduction of competition had left it with just 18 months to install the new

The equipment was supplied by ICL, but British Gas uses its own software. There is no suggestion that ICL is to blame for the problem. Apologising to customers,

ers that there were several steps before disconnection could take place. However, the company also asked customers not to con-

tact it unless they had a particular problem. The group has been struggling to deal with customer

## DTI plans to take months to talk about hours

#### Richard Thomas uncovers plans **should Britain** lose in the courts

**"HE Government is pre** paring to stall legislation on a European im-Posed 48-hour maximum working week by declaring

a lengthy period of negotia-tion with industry.

Officials at the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry have completed the first draft of a detailed consultation paper, which will be published in the wake of a decision, pending in the European Court of Justice, against the UK. A judgment is expected in a few weeks. With most ministers

fiercely opposed to any in-tervention on working hours from Europe one Whitehall official said the Paper was designed to delay Government action. The idea is to put this

Paper out as soon as the judgment is announced - assuming that it goes against the Government," he said... "This will give the im-Pression of activity, while actually kicking the issue in to the long grass until after the election. And by

then of course, it could be someone else's problem." Britain is already under fire for its resistance to European social legislation, with the EU social affairs commissioner Padraig Flynn cartler this week criticising

John Major's administration for constantly exaggerating the significance of "common initiatives to protec

But with the fragile Con servative truce over Europe already under strain, ministers are reluc tant to concede any ground over the 48-hour week, an issue which has been seized on by Eurosceptic backbenchers as a symbol of interference from Brussels. The official says: "This judgment is a bomb waiting to go off — and ministers are determined to defuse it quickly."

ALTHOUGH the European Court of Justice has given no public indication of the likely outcome of its deliberation, high ranking EU officials expect Britain to lose the

Although Britain has opted out of the European Social Chapter, the 48-hour rule has been issued as a bealth and safety initiative which the Government argues is social legislation by the back door.

A DTI spokeswoman said a number of issues would have to be addressed during the consultation period, if the complaint is thrown out. She said that the draft paper had not yet been seen by the responsible minister, John Taylor, but that it should be virtually pean Court of Justice in Luxembourg delivered a

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## Blues slip into the red

HELSEA Village, the company that owns the Premier League football club, has slipped into the red, running up full-year pre-tax losses of £2.3 million, against a £1.5 million profit

the previous year. However, announcing the loss, Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, insisted the figure did not reflect the group's "true performance" during the year. Describing the los as "in line with expecta-tions", Mr Bates said it reflected spending on Chel-sea's Stamford Bridge home in west London, which is

shopping and leisure

ompiex. Mr Bates said the year had een one of considerable change for Chelsea, which floated on Aim in April, and the results reflected the transition from being a football club to a leisure and enter

tainment group.
"One should be circumspect in comparing the 1995/6 figures with those of the pre-vious year, given develop-ment expenditure," he said. We will continue to invest heavily in the current year and the benefits are expected from 1997/98 onwards - the

future is exciting." Mr Bates said that

chandise also producing

greater share of profits. Chelsea should enjoy a five-fold increase in its TV income over the next four years, following the Premier e's new contract with BSkyB, but he warned that in creased player costs would

wallow some of this. On the playing side Mr Bates highlighted Chelsea's youth policy, which he said had produced the club's best crop of home-grown talent for the past two decades.

Transfer spending by Chel-sea more than doubled to £2.6 million during the year. in west London, which is following the redevelopment | Chelsea shares closed 2p being turned into a hotel, of Stamford Bridge, Chelsea's lower at 83'-ip on the figures.

MARKS & Spencer yesterday kicked off an attempt to cash in on the bonanza in sales of football kit when it paraded a new Premier League outfit, modelled by Newcastle United players led by Peter Beardsley.

The range includes sweatshirts, underwear and boot bags as well as playing kit, and has been orsed by the FA Premier League in an exclusive five-year contract. The M & S range will be

much cheaper than club replica kits which have yielded huge revenues for top clubs. Mr Fee said an adult M & S football shirt would sell at £20, about half the price of a typical club shirt, but insisted they were not meant to compete with club products.

## African countries 'should be privatised'

Oxfam attacks institute's 'silly' vision of firms running the state, writes Sarah Ryle

who bought up a chank of Africa larger than France, Britain and Belgium combined, would have recog-nised a modern solution to mass poverty and military dictatorships on the continent put forward today by a think-

Accusing international aid organisations of failing to improve economic conditions in Africa, the Institute of Economic Affairs suggests the ultimate in privatisations selling off whole countries. Visions of Mozambique Inc.

ECIL Rhodes, the man | lan's article in the IEA's latest journal as he argues that corporate take-overs are the st option for countries un-

> vestment in any other way. He proposes that multinational companies should be given the right to run whole countries. Companies would have to tender for leases of up to 21 years, pledging specific services in return for pre-set

able to win foreign direct in-

Mr Whelan says: "Foreign aid has created too many wealthy dictators for us to have any very high expectaare conjured by Robert Whe- tions of what can be achieved

by making cash grants to Af-rica. The only answer would be to reform the way in which "silly". African countries are governed."

He criticises official aid, saying that much of the money that passed through the international organisations during the last 40 years has done little to stabilise African economies or allevi-

ate poverty.
"It may seem an unlikely option, but no more incredi-ble than the idea of transfer ring billions of dollars' worth of assets from rich countries to poor countries would have seemed 100 years ago. Given the failure of every other approach in Africa, it might at least he worth a try.

But an Oxfam Africa ex-

He said: "If they knew their history, they would know that this has been tried before. There was the East India Company, the Royal Africa Company and more recently Lever, which ran part of West Africa as a merchant com-

pany.
"In many cases, the home governments had to send out large armies to get the companies out of sticky situations. "Companies are there to maximise profit for their shareholders, not maximise the public good. Many companies already have huge influence over governments anyway and probably prefer to

#### in remake of the World at War, TV rival knifes 'Adolf Murdoch'

Mark Trees in How York

TED TURNER, the cable television magnate, has added his inimitable twist to the public feud between Time Warner and News Corp by comparing Rupert Murdoch to Adolf Hitler. In off-the-cuff remarks to

journalists. Mr Turner accused the head of News Corp of using his media properties as business weapons. Mr Turner likened Mr Murdoch to the "late Führer". This is not the first time Mr

Turner, nicknamed the Mouth of the South, has needled the powerful Mr Murdoch. When News Corp announced plans for a 24-hour news channel to compete with CNN, Mr Turner said that his news network would "squish Murdoch like a bug".

Mr Turner's latest comments came as he and Time Warner chairman Gerald Levin began to promote Time | what Joseph Kennedy said: Warner's \$6.5 billion acquisi- 'Don't get mad. Get even.'"



Turner: switches off charm

tion of Turner Broadcasting Systems to investors. News Corp has accused Time Warner of going back on a commitment to carry Mr Murdoch's news channel in favour of another all-news cable network, MSNBC, run

by Microsoft and NBC. News Corp has threatened legal action against Time Warner and is preparing com-ments to file to the Federal Trade Commission, which recently\_approved the Time

Warner-Turner deal Mr Murdoch responded to the Turner outburst: "I believe

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## In the first of a series, PATRICK DONOVAN looks at the revamped Square Mile

# Out of control in the City





#### BIG BANG 10 years on

IEY piled on the jazz band played the blues. And actors in fancy dress eccentric market which helped make the Square Mile the centre of the financial universe and where a chap could be publicly debagged for wearing the wrong colour

week's official party to cale tive than television, the BBC brate the tenth anniversary of or the Foreign Office.

what was known as "Big Consider why twenty-someing the atmosphere of a world which 10 years ago disappeared for ever.

With the benefit of hindsight, this apparently techni-cal restructuring of the Lon-don financial markets marked a milestone in the so-clo-economic history of post-war Britain. For it was the changes wrought by Big Bang that helped spawn the yuppie, the megabuck salaries and the ruthless hire-and-fire ethos where sacked employees are given five minutes to empty their desk into a bin liner and then ejected from the building. It has also helped sustain

ondon's role as the main European staging post for the 24-hour global markets; taking up the baton from Tokyo at 7.30am and passing it on to New York when the last City share is traded at 4.30pm.

In the process, financial services in all their myriad forms have become the big-gest single wealth-creating business sector in Britain and now account for as much as a gross domestic product.

Such are the rewards that the City has become the career of choice for many of the country's best talents. According to a recent survey, hoes.

Oxbridge graduates now view
But for all the bottles of merchant banking and the Jouet Perrier, the small talk | desk-bound occupation of and the forced jollity, this bond-trading as more attrac-

thing dealers shouting orders in a City dealing room are now more economically important than factory workers employed in the country's en-tire heavy industrial base and you begin to understand the huge significance of the Big Bang revolution, which began on Monday 27 October, 1986.

The reforms appeared to be technical, boring even. And in 1986 they created little public attention beyond wide-spread gloating that the City had been forced to give up its gentlemanly working hours because trading had been brought forward one and a half hours for a 7.30am start. But for the City the shake-

up was radical. For the first time in more than two centubought and sold on the traditional trading floor — the ironic venue for this week's Stock Exchange Big Bang party. Out went the "dual capacity" share dealing method, whereby brokers would execute a client's order by negotiating for the best deal with jobbers, the "whole-salers" of shares who lined the Stock Exchange floor. Out went the cosy system of fixed minimum commissions. which provided the market with such a lucrative income.

In its place, the Square Mile was for the first time sub-jected to the full brunt of incame a free-for-all "single capacity" system. Instead of a trading floor, traders now dealt through computer screens. In this "virtual stock market", it was the new breed of "market makers" who now became the engine room of the market, competing be-tween themselves to flash up the most competitive share prices on dealing room screens throughout the City.

Most significant of all, perhaps, Big Bang also scrapped all restrictions on ownership of City firms by overseas in-stitutions, underwriting the City's pre-eminent status as the main European trading centre by ensuring that virtually every major international institution built up a presence in the Square Mile.



cally, to one of the biggest by no means the only factor, post-war redistributions of Over the past 10 years revewealth. First, the partners of nues have also been driven by much a political as a financial revolution. The roots of the reform lie in Margaret Thatcher's distrust of the old jobbing and broking firms power-piay of the patrician City establishment. Not only did she feel a political impera-tive to stamp her mark on

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benefited by selling out their shares in the international auction for City firms which this community. She also The best guess is that more for in other

The roots of the reform lie in Mrs

Thatcher's distrust of the patrician City establishment's power-play growth in share trading voltioners trousered at least £1 million apiece (and often umes and it is not hard to see why the City has become economically more important

sion of shareholder democracy. Her determination to build up wider share ownership was arguably just as important a political motive be hind Big Bang as the need to reshape the City for the chal-lenge of competing in the global equity markets. Having taken on the Establish-ment, this assault on the City was an important part of her drive to stamp her mark on the rentier class

Into the fray she sent her former Trade and Industry Secretary, Cecil Parkinson. It was a tough struggle buildoz ing through the Square Mile's resistance to reform. But the benefit of 10-year hindsight But Big Bang was just as the City's cartel has led, ironi-

very much more) thanks to 'Golden Handcuff' deals and incentive packages.

Second, the increasing consolidation of financial services establishing themselve in London fuelled a skills shortage of internationally mobile players. The scene was thus set for a wages explosion which has persisted throughout the recession.

Add in bonuses and share options and you have a world where twenty-something mand six-figure salaries. Big Bang may have paved

the way for the pre-eminence of the Square Mile. But it was

Out with the old . . . and in with the new. The changing face of the Square Mile rovey and JOHN STURFIOCK (left)

twenty-first century information replacement for the country's industrial heart, an ever escalating proportion of Britain's GDP is generated by fewer workers than the number of miners thrown out of work by the Government's coal privatisation programme a few years ago.
You have to look no further

than the prime residential areas of London and the country house market to see how post-Big Bang salaries are changing society. Such is the huge pool of disposable income that prices of the most desirable property move quite the market. Even at the height of the recession, the price of Home Counties spreads continued to climb on the back of surging City salaries. The same trend is evident in the Fine Art market, in everything from vintage cars to fishing rights on the

In essence, the past 10 years have created a burgeoning super-class, a disrupting and price-distorting impact on local communities because of the yawning wealth gap with change party was such the rest of the workforce. And muted affair. The old City no this trend is accelerating. Such are the pressures and rewards for even mid-ranking City players that for many the productive working life is be-

coming ever shorter.
Not that being regarded as a spent force at the age of 40 is a problem if you've got £1 million in the bank.

So the social upheavals continue. Not only does the huge inrush of City-related money tilt the economies of commutable areas out of kilter. But the tide of incoming high spenders has become a continuous process. No sooner haps 100,000 fewer than 10 has a big City player cashed years ago. Far from creating a in his chips than it's off to

inbrious part of the country. On this tenth anniversary of Big Bang, the number to have personally benefited from the stock market casino is sub-stantial enough to make a quantifiable impact on the fabric of the country.

The ultimate irony is that although Big Bang beiped as Europe's pre-eminent fi-nancial market, the reform has also seen the industry increasingly taken over by oversess interests.

Having thrown open fix

City to competition, big US and continental buyers have promptly swallowed up more than half the two dozen brokerage houses trading at the

Within the hallowed ranks of the City's merchant banks the trend has been even more bros, NM Rothschild and Schroders retaining their independence.

In many ways what has been happening in the City mirrors the trends in manufacturing industry. Just as such names as Rowntree, Jagpeared from national owner ship, so have some of the best known names in the City. SG Warburg, Barings, Smith New Court, Houre Govett.

That is why the Stock Exto be seen how the Square Mile will fare in a market controlled increasingly by overseas players.

The uncertainties confront ing London are even greater than they were in 1966. Who knows how the London market place will fare post-European Monetary Union or the advent of Internet-based "vir tual" stock markets.

Mrs Thatcher's Big Bang succeeded in deregulating the City. But future government losing control of an increasingly pivotal section of the

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## Bygone age with odd mix of charm and conformity

HE culture of the old It was a tribal Stock Exchange was pitched somewhere be-tween an Islington street market and the sixth form common room of an English public school. It was a stiflingly strait-laced community, where barrow boys could come good as long as they did not try to rock the establishment. rock the establishment boat or break the traditions which had governed the market for over 200 years. market for over 200 years.
In this sepia-tinted world, which disappeared exactly 10 years ago, the Government Broker would daily stride on to the trading floor, resplendent in his beaver-fur top hat. Stockbroking partners could still arrive for work at 10am and depart for the Kennton

and depart for the Kempton races a few hours later. The tables were still packed for three-hour steak and claret lunches at tradi-tional watering holes like Throgmorton street's Long Room or the George and

It was above all an over-

whelmingly male (gentle-

world of high iinks and practical jokes; where the entire market would do the conga on New Year's Eve

manly, they would call it) environment with a dress code which tolerated no departure from the uniform of pin-stripe suit, white shirt and polished black The latter is one tradition

which persists to this day: the wearing of brown shoes still be generally frowned upon throughout the Square Mile. The term old boys' club could have been coined for this bygone order. While an

upper second degree is vir-

ployment in today's City, even in the eightles qualifi-cations were still of subsid-tary importance to the

right school tie.

It was a tribal world of high jinks and practical jokes; where the entire market would do the conea on New Year's Eve or watch a fresh-faced new recruit be forcibly debagged for transgressing some unwritten rule of market etiquette.

And yet it still offered a place for eccentrics. It fos-tered a sense of community with its host of clubs and special interest societies.
Ageing staff could generally count on an undemanding niche where they could sit out until retirement. It was a market place which did not just assess an indi-vidual's place in terms of contribution to the bottom

sary and inevitable. But the human factor has been largely lost in the turmoil of the dog-eat-dog market which has evolved after Big tually mandatory for em- Bang.

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market, options and deriva-tives and other exotic instru-

ments building on London's

traditional equity base. Fac-

than the Government's entire

But this good news story is

not quite what it seems. Fi-

nancial services may help compensate for the erosion of

our industrial base. But they

do not generate jobs. The en-tire Square Mile employs around 150,000 people — per-

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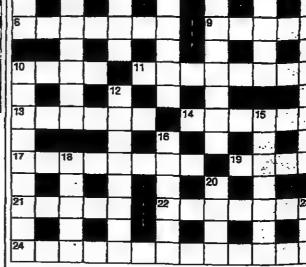
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# Out of th darkness

Machiavelli, evil genius, arch moderniser, the leader's lap-dog, spin doctor? Peter Mandelson has been called a lot of nasty things in his time. But he puts a different spin on things himself...

'M lucky. I love what I do for the Labour Party I'm proud of it and I certainly don't feel the need to "hide away in the dark". Despite the brickbats, the job I do is worth doing because it has one overriding purpose: to see Labour elected. It's even worth putting up with all the nonsense

first person in British politics to be labelled a spin-doctor, stemming from my time between 1985 and 1990 as Labour's Director of Communications under Neil Kinnock. As the party's chief spokesperson, I dealt with press, radio and television. That is what I was paid to do

was paid to do.

Most readers will remember
Labour's 1983 general election
campaign. Ken Livingstone—
fresh from his advertising spree at
the GLC—described it as "the
worst campaign of any major
political party in a western democracy in the post war world." In racy in the post war world." In 1987 we did it differently. Tony Benn, who says he was "Hugh Gaitskell's Peter Mandelson", described it as the best TV election campaign since his own in 1959. You could, then, perhaps describe Tony Benn as Britain's first spin-

Pepys who was apparently paid 30 guineas to act as press handler for harles II. My own journey into minor

mythdom began at the hands of the Tories. They were caught off guard by the revolution in Labour's communications that Neil Kinnock set in motion after the shambles in 1983. One account had it that "mention of Mandelson's team appears to cast a respectful terror in the hearts of Tory strategists, much as the name Rommel gained a mythical status among allied generals". Labour's hard left, all too often

willing to follow the Tory lead, jumped on this bandwagon. They started to complain that image was promoted over substance. Yet it was during the policy review of 1988/9, when Labour was updating its programme, that their objec-tions to the professionalisation of

our campaign were loudest.

The truth, of course, is that much of the ballyhoo about presentation was a smokescreen cov-ering the real disagreements over policy. It's easier to heap abuse on the messenger than admit that you don't have a credible alternative to the message. Add all this attention to the tendency of the media to personalise politics, exagnerate ready recipe for absurd hyperbole. So what's the truth behind the spin-doctor hype? Hilary Coffman has been a press officer for the last three Labour leaders. She recently warned Labour activists that,

next time you end up chatting while canvassing and have to explain Labour's approach or cor- much we needed to change. think what you're doing. That's right — you've just become a spin-doctor". She is bang on. Most shadow cabinet members

have staff who deal with press. Tony Biair has three. The national Labour Party has 10. These people answer journalists' questions, arrange interviews, give clarifica-tion. One thing is for sure: no politician would put up with renegade operations and no journalist would take such a person seriously. At the first whilf of a "spindoctor" not genuinely speaking for their master, the journalists turn of the company of

Compared to the modest number of Labour press officers, the Conservative Party can rely on a burgeoning Central Office burgeoning Central Office together with the abuse of the Government Information Service cial advisers all of whom help get ministers' messages across in the and pin blame and you have a media. Why, then, does the spot-

expected to be professional; it's taken for granted that they will have their act together whereas Labour are just expected to be good-hearted amateurs. If that were the perception, it shows how

get in the way of what we stand for. Their very purpose is the oppo-site: to put our principles and values up in lights, fighting a Tory Lie machine which outstaffs and outspends us most of the time.

Bear in mind that the media's coverage of politics has increased dramatically. The BBC's political HQ near the House of Commons has a staggering 186 staff. The cor-poration has requested 410 passes for our conference.

Last year, when Roy Hattersley attacked the party's education pol-lcy. David Blunkett undertook 24 interviews that day. He did them himself, but arrangements all had to be handled by Labour's staff -for the convenience of journalists. After all, politicians have other jobs to do (apart, seemingly, from Tory cabinet ministers like Heseltine and Mawhinney).

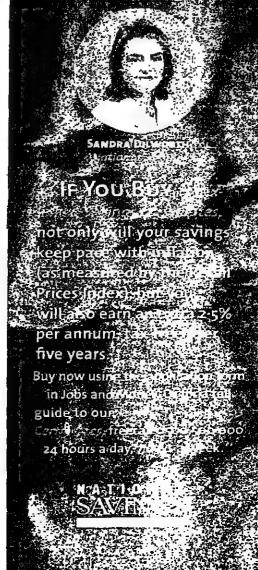
In the midst of this media mael-strom there is a desperate search

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#### Them on them

The global view

During the hundred days of grace. Binyamin Netanyahu sucreeded in toppling almost completely the "new" Middle East of his predecessor Shimon Pere and in reviving, in its place, the "old" Middle East, including an international community united in its criticism, an Arab world strong in its emnity, and Israelis and Palestinians who shoot one another to death on the streets of West Bank cities. Hebrew daily, Ma'anv

া The world's first legal euthanasia death in Darwin has split the

nation, with religious. political and community groups bitterly divided and the act itself variously described as "beautiful" and a "step towards a culture of death. The Australian on the death of Robert Dent

Whatever it's called. Jonathan's crime and punishment have people across the country buzzing. So many people have called directory assistance for South western Elementary telephone number that area operators now rattle it off from memory. USA Today on the removal of Johnathan Prevette, aged sx, from class for lossing a girt

#### Us on us

The British view

🕾 Diarmuid O'Neill was angaged in evil activities on behalf of the IRA. He was prepared to kill, and presumably to be killed, in the name of Republicanism. But did he deserve to die? It is now clear that some of the circumstances surrounding his death in Hammersmith on Monday morning are very disturbing.

Famillies in ... Hammersmith are this reek coming to terms with the horrifying realisation that two people who were known in the community are suspected IRA terrorists.

Diarmuid O'Neill... and his younger brother Shane had lived in the borough all their lives. A former neighbour said, "I can't understand it they were such normal friendly and polite young men. Harnmersmith Chronicle

In an attempt to curb car thefts and vandalism in Leigh and Golborne, thousands of pounds are being spent tearing up busbes. Stuart Bennett, the council's car earks manager said. evidence we have shows that extensive shrub areas are a key factor in car park problems, since they offer an easy hiding place to the crooks." Leigh Journal



Claim for a laugh... Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau in The Fortune Cookie (1966)

they probably can't sue. First came the North Yorkshire detective Libby Ashurst, who received £165,000 from her former employer for sexual haras ment suffered when she joined the Harrogate CID. She got her payout without having to go to a tribunal; the North Yorkshire Police Authority agreed to settle because they didn't want her to suffer the further trauma America, where any kind of accident, personal invervor of a public hearing. Any desire to prevent the weirdo behaviour of their male offithe receipt of some insult is cers being aired in public was, of course, secondary.

Another sex discrimina-

metaphorically of course, so

tion case in Torkshire concerned trainee anaesthetist Michael Fish, who was awarded \$3,000 after satisfying a tribunal that there was a female conspiracy against him. It seemed that two female consultants refused

to give him references, and, more harrifyingly still, a sister same at him and abused him "in strong language". If only he'd realised that in limits him, that's how they show they like you.

There was no apparent danger; however, of the members of the Derby Round Table, solicitors and them, liking waitres Freda Burton and Sonia Rhule when they were on duty at the Pennine Hotel in Derry di the rename Holes to Derry during a charity show by Bernard Manning. The women, who are black, were insulted by Manning's racist jokes, and pressed a case against their employer for failing to protect them from that ordeal. This week the women, on appeal, won com-pensation that is yet to be decided but could reach

Failed compenses of the

week was Peter Hill, a Sunday social league star in Liverpool, who had the good luck to trip over a paving stone on an unlit pavement in 1992, a fall which put an end to his soccer career and cost the city council £11,000 in compensation. Unfortunately for him, council officials then noticed his name still appearing in match reports, and managed to video him

playing. Hill suffered the humilistion of being ordered to repay what remained of the money. That must have been quite. an ordeal in its would think. In fact, failing in any compensation case, must involve the most dreadful traums.

Hang on a minute. Any compensation lawyers out there fancy a bask at a test

## Pick up a pinta today and pray

This week last year September 22 1995

Y mother received a phone call late in Sep-in W is tember last year. It was from a friend in India telling her that statues of the Hindu god Shiva and other members of his mythological family, including the elephant god Ganesh, were drinking milk and that a mir-

acle was about to take place. For her, and millions of Hindus world-wide, what happened then was a moment of pure spiritual ecstasy: Hindus and non-Hindus alike flocked to spoon-feed milk to Shiva and other statues to witness the miraculous event.

"By the time I got to the temple there were large queues outside it." my mother says, "Offerings of milk, Indian sweets and money were being made. It was as if the whole area was gripped by this belief that a miracle was about to take

My mother, Pushpa, fed Shiva and Ganesh, his son according to Hindu mythology, then returned home and led two other statues which belong to our family. "I held up a spoon to the

mouths of the gods and the



A thirsty god. Portent of miracles to come?

milk just disappeared. I was totally lost for words. I still can't explain what happened: for me it was a matter of faith, a sign that in this era something is about to take

By era she means the three yugs or periods in which a miracle occurs. When statues appeared to be drinking milk | last year have given added this was seen as a sign that something was going to hap pen, albeit sometime in the next 4,000 years.

There were, however, sceptics. As the milk went down theories were put forward that it was due to elementary physics, that the statues were

made of porous materials and were able to absorb the milk. The Rationalist Association in India offered \$2,000 to anyone who could convince its members that it was

We have not quite reached

the stage things are at in

the cause for celebration

lawyers, but the compensa

This week, stories of vari-

offended individuals hitting

the jackpot in courts and tri-

bunals have been tripping

over one another for space

in the news, although only

tion industry is growing

impressively here too.

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and triumphant calls to

not a hoax. Twelve months on, the anticipated miracle has yet to occur. But the events of significance to the upcoming festival of Ganpati, when for 10 days devotees dress, feed and worship Ganesh.

For some, the phenomena of the milk-drinking gods brought material as well as spiritual rewards. Narotam Panday was the priest at the

Southall.

It was, he says, a particu-larly hectic day. "The temple is usually quite empty so it was great to see such large crowds. Donations did increase. We had one man

who gave us nearly £2,000." Panday recalls the huge amount of milk and other foods that were left over and and to be puled at the side of the temple. Most were later distributed to old people's homes, schools and day entres.

He confesses that the "mirecle" did not lead to a huge increase in the number of people converting to Hin-duism but adds: "Our reli-gion is not really about converting. Last year was a sign to all the world — not inst Hindus '

Local businesses also enjoyed a profitable day selling out of milk and statues of the various gods linked to Shiva. For Rajan Obrei however, the day he fed milk to Ganesh will always have an extra special signifi-

"I asked for a grandson and now I have one. It was a very special day - my wish came true and for me, it was proof that god does exist." **Vivek Chaudhury** 

THE VERDICT RAPE TRIALS

Should rape complainants be allowed to give evidence behind a screen?

Screens should be made available if witnesses want to use them. Where there is a case that the the defendant should be able to see the person accusing them, CCTV should be used. This would at least allow the victim to be seen by the court but at some distance as many women find the ordeal of giving intmate details in front of an open court Helen Pegs, Victim Support.

The more we go out of our way to protect women by creating special protection in the law, the

more we find people disbelieve women in court. They think we are being cuddled to the point where it is easy to lie. The more we hide what is going on, the more we are opening the door to abuses of the law. It is doubtful, in the long run, if women would feel helped by a measure like this. Avedon Carol, Feminists Against Censorship.

ES "It would have been with a screen, or better still a TV link. It would be more removed, abstract. Because could see him, I thought I could smell him, I didn't want to smell him again. I could smell him days later. he could see me. He was daring me to say what he had done. I felt dirty, as if he was raping me again." Woman who faced her attacker in the Old Bailey 18 months ago.

"Once you start eroding the principal of accused facing accusor where do you draw the line? You can not let everyone who wishes to give evidence behind a screen do so. An eccused person has the fundamental right to face their accusor. Leading criminal defence lawyer, Stephen Gilchrist



1. "As I was smashing Drawy's hand, I realized I was quite enjoying it." Who was the thug? (a) Liam Gallagher (b) Eric Cantona (c) Cliff Richard

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## Out of the darkness

4 page 12 means magnifying or manufacturing divisions, rows and splits. A sliver of difference, perhaps wholly innocent, at 9am can become headline lunchtime news. Journalists, rightly, go round stirring the pot; the press officers' job is to try to bring

things off the boil.

The media, of course, want it both ways. Why, they complain, should this person or that be muz-zled? Why shouldn't politicians be allowed to say things which can then be blown up and sprayed across the bulletins and front

My answer to that is if politicians' reflective and measured remarks were treated more fairly - that is, less sensationally - by the media, then the arreiety and pressure to prevent damaging sto-

ries would be reduced.

The myth of spin-doctor, as conjurer, brings in its train a whole retinue of misconceptions, in par-ticular the "black art" of briefing journalists. This, wrongly, is given mysterious and underhand connotations.
I hope today's magic circle of

spin-doctors won't mind if I reveal a secret. When a major speech is given, the politicians' press han-dlers will buttonhole journalists and point out which part the author is most keen to get across. The journalist is entitled to say push off, I'm interested in the bit about x, y or z", but by and large they'll be grateful for the help which is why they constantly seek it. After all, the bit the politician cares about is likely to be the news one way or the other.

It may even contain the other demon S-word. Used from Aristotle's time, the soundbite is the nugget containing your key message. It is a few sentences long not because that is all to which the politician or spin-doctor's concen-tration can stretch but because, these days, that is all the media will tolerate. Lenin, remember, distilled the communist manifesto down to the soundbite "Bread,

Peace and Land".
I'm sure it's only an urban myth but apparently one BBC correspondent, interviewing a senior MP. asked why he only ever spoke in

slogans and soundbites. "Hang on", she added, when the politician began his answer, "keep it short, we've only got 30 seconds on air."

When I worked as the party's communications director it was the fact that I could be seen as a totally reliable source for the party and its leader that mattered. That didn't mean I was wielding an independent power. It gave Neil Kinnock and the party media power and it assisted journalists

to get accurate information. Since then I have become an MP, speaking out in Parliament on behalf of Hartiepool and acting, first, as junior whip, then spokesman on the civil service. before moving in to my current role. In explaining what I do now, and why I do it, I run a risk, of course. I am challenging those who portray me as a hidden Machiavelli and upsetting the likes of Roy Hattersley who think I receive too much attention (why does he keep writing about me. then?).

and adviser to Tony Blair and front-bench spokesperson responsible for election campaigning.

Every day at the Millbank Media Centre, away from old

spiracy, it's the worst-kept secret in the world.

As a politician I have strongly-

If the whole thing is that innocent, where does the talk of me as a Svengali come from? I like to think of my own case as something of an accident of history. It is true that in my previous role as Neil Kinnock's mouthpiece I seemed to have landed in the hard place between politicians who did not see eye to eye over the need to modernise our policies and structures. I found myself caught in the crossfire. It is annoying, but in a way gratifying, to note that the same old examples quoted in hostile write-ups are always from this period - almost a decade ago.

I have three roles: as MP, friend

departmental divides and hierar-chies, we concentrate on one thing: how to get our positive mes-sage across in the media, through advertising and local campaign-ing. It calls for a tough, robust and yes, sometimes abrasive, approach from those in charge. Given the attention we all get, if what we're up to is some sort of sinister con-

held political views. Shouldn't every politician? I've never hidden my politics. Indeed, last year I jointly wrote a book (The Blair Revolution) setting out exactly



Winning smiles. . . but Labour's cheery leaders lost, despite the Mandelson image management

#### How Peter Mandelson put Labour in a spin

Peter Mandelson appears to be in the paper far too often, seems to be on television far too often, seems to take himself, and be taken, far more seriously than I think is appropriate." Roy Hattersley

"I sometimes call them the people who five in the dark. Everything they do is in hiding." Clare Short

"During July's shadow cabinet elections.

officials from Peter Mandelson's communications unit gave anonymous media briefings that it was time to bar

Socialist Campaign Group MPs like myself from being candidates." Ken Livingstone

"There is envy at the ease of access that Peter Mandelson enjoys to Tony Blair. What are Mandeison's qualifications that he should be so privileged?" Brian Sedgemore

why I am a Labour moderniser and why I believe in change in the

I have always been in Labour's mainstream and identified with the basic democratic socialist or social democratic values of the party — fairness, social justice, equality of opportunity. I believe in the power of people acting together through their government and local community to change things for the better. It's not an ideology steeped in Marxist rhetoric or deep red blood but it got this country the NHS, the wel-fare state and a lot else besides.

I started working professionally with the young frontbencher, Tony Blair, when I was first brought to Walworth Road. We have been friends since then, we have neighbouring constituencies and I have been glad to advise him when he

has requested.

A characteristic but absurd piece of sniping came from Brian Sedgemore recently in the Guardian who said. "There is envy at the ease of access that Peter Mandelson enjoys to Tony Blair What are Mandelson's qualifications that he should be so privi-leged?" Tuny Blair, I guess, thinks my qualifications include over a decade in the trenches fighting the Tories and their allies in the press and building up professional skills and experience in winning sup-port for Labour's policies.

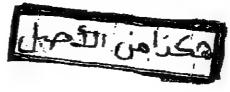
A political leader must, and Tony Blair does, consider all views in the party But is it not self-evident that he must also draw on the professional advice of those he

knows and trusts?
I plead guilty to trying, in the past, to put a good spin on every-thing Labour does and I will con-tinue to do so because I believe passionately in the strength of our case. I even acknowledge that what

campaigners do should be open to scrutiny by others.

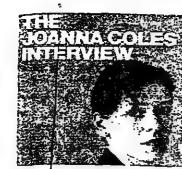
So, yes, discuss what press offi-cers do. But spare us the widely overblown myth of the all powerovernown myth of the expense of ful spin-doctor at the expense of real political analysis. Of course, it makes good, easy copy. The dan-ger is that it results in journalists

concentrating on what makes them most happy—themselves. I'll go on doing what I do with pride. I'll work, like hundreds of others in the party, even if we are exhausted and embattled, because We believe in what we stend for we believe in what we stand for and what we do. And soon, at last, it'll all be worthwhile.



Publicly dumped by Radio 3, Paul Gambaccini reveals he's been equally unlucky in love

# Unhappy endings



still in the studio fin-ishing off his final for Radio 3 when I arrive at his home in north London, so Darren, his young blond assistant, shows me to a leather Darren, his young blond sofa in the drawing room. Through the window I can see

Marid the young brunette gardener primly snipping shrubs and unstars someone is singing Give Me ALittle More Love. This turns out to be Adam, one of Gambac-cini slodgers, who pirouettes into the riom to explain he is an actor "in bitween shows"

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It'snot exactly D-Notice stuff to obseve that Paul Gambaccini, now!7, is gay — he has never pre-tended otherwise. And when I initialli approached him some weeks ago or an interview, this was not my intended focus. I had wanted to talkabout Radio 3 and his reaction to bing so publicly dumped.

Not unreasonably, he didn't war to talk about the BBC until after his last show — yesterday moning. In the meantime, he refrred me to a book he had just finshed writing, about his reltionships with seven men.

Ipicked it up reluctantly, but son discovered I couldn't put it don. Astonishingly frank, Love Laters is both gripping and appaing in equal measure, portray-in him as a weak middle-aged laber, obsessed with a queue of yanger men who bask in his fine, abuse his generosity, steal firm him, and betray him sexually

hime dumping him.
Take Terry, for example, a shy
mager who meets Gambaccini
ha nighticlub and steals £300 from hm, not once but twice. Amazigly, Paul, clearly smitten, re-sonds to this dishonesty by offer ig Terry a job as his personal saistant. I am musing on this Izarre decision when Gambo hally arrives and sits down right iside me. Hello, I cry, rather bruptly, why on earth did you

"Terry? Mmn," says Gambo, auling his right knee up to his hin. "First, to quote Susan Saran-lon in Dead Man Walking, 'We heir worst act' --- she's paraphras-

ing Christ of course." Of course.
"Second, I offered him the job because I knew he was HIV posi-tive and progressing towards Aids. I realised there wouldn't be many employers who would be willing to hire someone whose attendance couldn't be predicted." (Too right it couldn't as Gambo explains in the book. Terry often failed to turn up because of "overdoing it the

night before".) But why employ him? "Look," he explains, in his hairless Connecticut brogue, "I was blessed with certain aptitudes which enabled me to make a good living and to develop the self-discipline required to survive in the modern era. I viewed it as one of my responsibilities to help any loved ones who haven't quite found the

Love Letters is full of such osienalbly decent gestures. But at the risk of sounding cynical, they also appear as clumsy attempts to buy affection. Certainly, they nearly all end poignantly for Paul.

How's this for a run of bad choices? Stephen, a student whom Gambo adores, turns out to be not only violent but straight. George, with whom Gambo hopes to live happily-ever-after, turns out to have a secret life in Birmingham. And Chris Hamil, the lead singer of Kajagoogoo, whom Gambo encourages and houses, promptly pushes off when his royaltles start

"I thought Chris and I would be great chums forever," says Paul wistfully. "But of course I now realise he was one of those people who needed the security of an older friend to become secure himself. Having achieved it, he didn't need it from me.

We're still pals," he says quickly. "I see him a couple of times a year, which might not sound much, but it's something." But why have all his boyfriends

The Fall Guy . . . in his new book, Love Letters, Gambaccini portrays himself as a weak middle-aged man, obsessed by a string of young men who abuse his generosity been so much younger and less successful than him? As I ask this, the phone starts ringing. He holds up his hand, "I'm waiting for Darren to pick that up," he explains, chanting tensely to himself. "Pickit-up-Darren-pick-it-up-pleeease pick-it-up." (It stops and he relaxes with a sigh.) I repeat the question. Has he ever had a partner about the same age and sort of status as himself. I mean a partner who might be considered his equal? "Um, no. I guess I've always thought I don't need another one of

me! I have what might be called a nurturing streak, it gives me pleasure to watch people deve And then he laughs, rather sinis-terly. Why is he laughing? "Oh call Dr Anthony Clare.
"You know," he says, reminding me just how different homosexua and heterosexual relationships

really are. "There are gradations of physical relationships with gay men, and you would be surprised at how few men I've had actual intercourse with."

Well since he's resigned the sub-Well, since he's raised the sub-ject, how few? "Oh, I'm not the

type to keep notches on the bed-post." But you've just raised the subject ... "Ok, ok! This is inter-esting. Let me think about this. Um ..." And he covers his face with his hands and starts mum-

bling to himself. Little noises emerge from the cupped hand, small giggles of remembered plea-sure. "Ok I'm going chronologi-cally." he says, flicking through his mental abacus. "Six!" he announces triumphantly. "I've had intercourse with six men."

Gambaccini could talk about his relationships all day, but there is also the matter of Radio 3 and its laboured attempts to become more accessible. Hence Gambo's very nublic recruitment from Classic punite recrutiment from Cassic FM last autumn by Nicholas Ken-yon, controller of Radio 3, to replace Composer of the Week with his own Morning Collection. Gambaccini's background in pop music appalled many Radio 3 listeners, and suddenly Liz Forgan, then managing director of BBC Radio, had another Anderson

Country on her hands.

Was he hurt by the furore? Radio 3 listeners are the least civfilsed and most bigoted audience I have ever encountered in 25 years of broadcasting," he says calmly. "I was tremendously disappointed by their knee-jerk reaction and, of course, by the response of the Radio 3 executives."

Which was? "It got hot and they asked me to leave the kitchen." He repeats this, shaking his head. "It got hot and they asked me to leave

'Radio 3 listeners are the least civilised and most bigoted audience l have ever faced'



the kitchen." Does he feel they should have stuck by him? "Of course. They were reacting to socalled Focus Groups. The Focus Groups said 'We don't want an American accept on Radio 3 in the

mornings', so that was it.
"It wasn't criticism it was prejudice. And I wasn't informed by anyone at Radio 3. It was left to the bead of the production company [Mentorn] to tell me the pro-gramme had been recommissioned, but only if I did not present

I wince for him as he tells me this and remarks that Kenyon then avoided him for three months. "He's a person who didn't really take a stand when he had to take a stand. I could tell when he abandoned me. He put out a Proms promotional CD, where people chose their favourite classical tracks, and Brain Kay's in there and I'm not. This tells me there probably isn't going to be any Paul much longer! But no one had said anything to me, that's how you know at the BBC."

When it did finally announce in May that Gambaccini was leaving. the BBC lied by suggesting cruelly that it was his own decision. "And I have to tell you," says Paul crossly, "the last time I saw Nick Kenyon, a month before the an-

nouncement, I was walking in the basement of Broadcasting House and he was coming up some stairs and he knelt down in front of me and salaamed, saying 'Ah maestro!' And this was in front of John Evans [Head of Radio 3 Music Department]!

"And I gotta tell you, in the first couple of months, whenever I ran into any of the people at Radio 3 they all said I must keep on! Liz Forgan wrote me a two-page handwritten letter! The only time I ever met Hussey [Marmaduke Hussey the then chairman of the BBC gov-ernors] he just said [about the critics] 'Oh ignore them, I always do'. Could he? "The thing I'm prou-dest of during the last year is the fact that I just carried on going in there and doing the show."

And did he personally feel it worked? "Look, I'm not saying I'm the world's greatest broadcaster. but I was addressing the brief I was given. You must remember I was asked to achieve a certain assignment."

Whatever one's opinions about the programme itself — and the ratings show a small dip — it is hard not to feel sorry for Paul Gambaccini. He did what he was asked to do and he was shafted. I wonder how he felt recording yes terday's programme?

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"Ha ha! It ended deliciously and pathetically. The head of presenta-tion phones me to say I must announce it's my last programme. I had already planned to say that I hoped the listeners would be graclous to Catriona Young, who's succeeding me. But Pres said that wasn't enough. They wanted me to spell out that it was my last programme.

"I thought, I can't believe they want to rub it in so hard. They've chosen not to support me and now they want me to tell everyone they've chosen not to support me.' He compromised by saying it was not his last programme, but his

"final appearance" on Radio 3.
And so it seems only fair to give
him the last word now. "Radio 3
has tethered itself, ball and chain, to its crankiest listeners. There's complete myopia in the Radio 3 hi-erarchy; they don't know what's going on out there. And I don't have to tell Radio 3 it has a fight on its hands. For the general public won't carry on funding a station which isn't for the general public."

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Patron saint of lost Left causes

SEVEN years ago, the Guild-ford Four were released and Jeremy Corbyn, hitherto known as a "parliamentary un-touchable", was surrounded by MPs of all parties, slapping his back and praising his courage. He had been the first person to

raise the case in Parliament, just as he was the first to condemn the folly of arming Saddam. He was also one of the first MPs to see the necessity of talking to Sinn Fein. Nowadays, everybody's doing it. Martin McGuinness was over recently to visit Kevin McNamara in Millbank. He walked into MI5 by

But Corbyn meets Adams and the party bosses go spare. Since they've never liked him anyway, he shouldn't worry unduly. The causes he takes up are hardly ever popular. The Kurds only became fashionable after Britain had first bolstered their tormentor then fought him. Corbyn was one of the few politicians to argue that Britgo at Corbyn.

ain was wrong on both counts.

Every politician who did support the Gulf War must take responsibility for thousands of civilian deaths. The IRA could never dream of waging a bombing campaign like that. Yet Labour leaders think it nsensitive for Gerry Adams to visit London when the IRA suffered a major defeat and consequently

did not bomb anything. It was also a week in which interviewers tried to get Adams to admit that he had borne arms. Meanwhile, Paddy Ashdown was bragging about having done so. Liberal Democrats take a feeble pride in being under the command of an ex-soldier. "We may look wet but our leader knows how to kill a man with his bare hands", is the subtext of much of their literature. Sadly for them, the Irish Ques-tion overshadowed their whole conference. A really paramoid conspiracy-theorist might believe that Blair's people manufactured Cor-

byngate to that end. But that is

nonsense; they manufactured it be-cause they've been itching to have

Gerry Adams coming to Parliament is not actually big news. Had he wanted to, Adams could have turned up there every working day for several years, collecting his ex-penses, and presumably inviting

mests of his own. At that time, the IRA were caus ing a great many deaths. In that climate, the fact that there were a number of people in prison wrongly convicted of IRA killings, worried only a few parliamentarians. Jeremy Corbyn was one such MP. So was Chris Mullin. But not Tony Blair. in fact, Blair has been consistently useless on miscar-riages of justice. In the late 1980s be was buttonholed by an Islington party member about the Guildford Four. He listened patiently and asked only, "So how many of them are there?"

Many commentators would grant that Jeremy Corbyn's consistent

support for wrongly convicted people is admirable. They will also admit that spending nine and 10 hours at every weekly constituency surgery, dealing with appalling

Jeremy Corbyn will do it' is the watchword. He is so concerned about everything you could smack him one

social problems in one of the poorest boroughs in Britain, is to be commended. No one should be fooled that the Blairs' leafy enclave is representative of Islington. which has the third highest infant

mortality rate in the country. Corbyn increases the Labour ma-

jority in Islington North every time he stands. And he still works on the cases of innocent people who are not yet widely known, like Danny McNamee and John Kinsella. He champions refugees, homeless people, sacked workers, the developing world and the

environment.
I'll concede that he's no orator. I saw him speak in Dublin at a vic-tory rally for the Guildford Four. As he reached the climax of his speech, he lowered his ear to some-one who was whispering to him. Such is his concern to do justice to every issue, that his closing words were something like, "If Britain still had capital punishment ... we

have a lost child so could the parents of Declain please make their way to the side of the stage . . . these four people would not be alive today

In fact, he's so concerned about everything, that you could smack him one, were it not for the fact that most of what he does never

gets any publicity. The Left takes him for granted. "Jeremy Corbyn'll do it" is the watchword of those whose issues no one else will touch. "But can't we get someone fam-ous." is the usual complaint.

Now he is famous, at least for a couple of weeks. But the invitation to Adams was hardly a publicity stunt by Corbyn; his office did not even put out a press release until Wednesday night, when the storm was raging. So is he simply naive. as has been suggested by journal-ists who know they can't credibly

suggest him to be bad?
It is always comforting to believe that someone with whom you pro-foundly disagree is an armchair revolutionary, a deluded romantic. It's what you do when you can't put together a sensible argument against them.

But all this is a distraction with an election approaching. After all, Gerry Adams will probably regain his seat, and this time he might



SMALLWEED



Family loyalty that lets lunacy roam the streets

HE death of Diarrould O'NeII | in a police raid this week allows me to climb back on a favourite hobby horse: the IRA are not evil, black-hearted cowards, and as long as we believe that they are we will never be able to cope with them. The fact is that being an IRA volunteer is probably the single most dangerous occupation in the UK, as Mr O'Neill discovered

the hard way on Monday. People join the IRA for different reasons. Family piety remains immensely important in Ireland, and Republicanism is often pessed on from parents to children.

When I worked in Northern Ireland, two decades ago, I went out with a beautiful and intelligent with a beautiful and infeligent schoolteacher. Her uncle was in fail for belonging to the IRA, her coustn blew himself up bombing Lisburn council offices. Her aunt was in jail for recruitment to join the IRA, and was later shot dead in hospital by Protestants.

The relationship resembled the attitude of respectable working-class people towards the wing of the family which robs gas meters; they might disapprove but would never dream of going to the police. Then there is the cult. Young impressionable men like O'Neill are inducted, and as in all cults,

the IRA makes sure they hear nothing from anyone who might point out the lunacy and horror of what they are doing. The cell sys-tam keeps them even more iso-lated. In the perverted world of the cult, bombing impocent civil-ing and withing many arm 186 ians and risking your own life seems a rational thing to do, like drinking poisoned Kool-Aid in Guyana. One point about Gerry Adams is that he is conscious that there is a real, rational world out there — which is why he is so

detested by the hard-liners.

ADAMS said a fascinating thing the other day. Asked at the book launch for his literary influences. he listed several Irish writers, and PG Wodehouse, Of course Wode house was himself fascinated with the raw, gritty life of the Belfast streets, as he displayed in the book Yer Mon, Jeeves: "The door opened, and Jeeves shimmered in as silently as an undercover SAS man practising the sand dance. Dash it, Jeeves, I mumbled, 'After last night's gun battle, I feel as if a convention of woodpeckers

were having their annual ord fhels inside my head." 'Might I suggest a suitable tonic, sin' I find that a large Bush-mills topped up with Mundie's

South African wine, rarely fails to effect the necessary restoration

Jeeves, you are a gentus. Now, concerning that ticklish business about Oofy O'Donaghue which I mentioned yesterday."

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Yes sir, I have — ahem — taken the liberty of inserting a slice of soda bread into the firing mecha-nism of his AK-47. As for your gold lamé belaciava, sir, I felt obliged to dispose of it. You may 

THE pub round the corner in our ordinary suburb has started grub-bing up its carpark with excava-tors in order to build a garden, or at least a patio with a vine-cov-

ered terrace. Has this happened in Britain before? And wouldn't it be tice if it happened everywhere?

MY friend John Ware is the Panorama journalist who attacked Es-ther Rantzen for a misleading and unfair programme about the British Home and Hospital for Incurables in London. Since then he has been subjected to a daily barrage of abuse from her, both privately

and in public.

That he can cope with What has distressed him most though is the intrusion into his private life.
His wife and children have been
"doorstepped" at home by the tahloid press. Vans. with one way glass in the windows have been used to snatch photographs. His viewed by reporters tooking for dirt about his private life.
All this has been understand-

ably immensely distressing for Mr Ware, who has hardly de-served such treatment. It is vital that somebody conduct an inquiry into what odious person has arranged for Mr Ware to be subjected to this shameful and fright-ening behaviour.

TOUCHING moment at the Lib-Dem conference: backstage after.

his speech on Tuesday, Paddy Aslidown said to his wife, "Sorry, darling, but I must have a ciga-rette." He never smokes in public and it was his first in private for

As an ex-smoker I sympathise. A Scottish colleague once saw an old man being interviewed on TV about the 50th anniversary of his guitting. The reporter jokily

asked if he ever missed it. "Only after meals," he replied. It was the most depressing thing my friend had ever heard.

I ENJOYED greatly Emma Nich-olson's book about life in the Tory party, Secret Society. Things there are even worse than we realised: backbenchers are not only primed to ask certain question and have their supplementaries written out, but any Tory who might be called later by the Speaker is also instructed exactly what to say. The choreography is precise, and the parliament of poodles is here.

"I asked Emma why she had thought that John Major's courteous inquiry about her perfume constituted a pass. She gave me a fuller version of the incident, and assuming it was accurate, she is a

won't necessarily agree on one book that is best. The fact is, that

the wide spectrum of prizes we

have in Britain supports new and difficult" writing as little else does. For through maney at thirty-somethings read Investing in the Future of British Literature, Many

GOODNESS! I wouldn't dream of

down to concoct the shortlist next Tuesday, you could start by selecting two or three novels by accom-

plished outsiders like John Mur-

ray, published by presses no one has ever heard of, simply as a way

of bullying the papers into notic-ing them and encouraging the big

shots to stop them.
And I'm a bit worried by your

contention that investing in the

future of British literature means

throwing money at thirtysometh-ings. I've always believed that the

worst thing that you can do to young writers is to throw money

at them. Did winning the Booker help Kazuo Ishiguru's develop-ment as a novelist, or Ben Okri's?

But perhaps you never tried to wade through The Unconsoled. I like to think that a lot of good

writing gets produced in condi-tions of relative — you'll note the

qualifying adjective - insecurity,

and that a growing bank account is the first step to middle-aged

Never mind all the argument

about prize money "freeing up time" and so forth. Writers write,

characteristics of the literary his

tory of the last 15 years is the decline of a great deal of youthful

promise into cash-cocooned indo-

rizes do just that.

Dear Alison,

Best wishes.

Smallweed's prediction that
Ann Widdecombe MP is to move from Minister of State at the Home Office to manager of Manchester City. It is understood the club board are considering a number of possible pitfalls before making a There is the problem that she is expected to remain in her present oost until the end of the current football season, and by then a vast

NOTHER week cone by, and still no confirmation o

number of other government min-isters are also likely to be avail-able. (John Gummer, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton and Bareness Trumpington have been men-tioned, as has Dr Brian Mavhinney, as fulfilling the more usual managerial stareotype of a sport-tempered Celtic loudmouth. There is concern that Miss Wid-

decombe's robust and highly pub-lic Catholicism may sit badly at the more Protestant of Man-chester's two clubs. There is concern that her hobbies ("reading and researching Charles II's is-cape") may not be the sort to acili-tate easy small-talk with the play-ing staff. Some City directors have even argued that she knows mth-ing about football. Which is algovernment minister can made any brief.

impugning your motives as a Booker judge — I'm sure you're just as noble and disinterested as the rest of us. Seriously, though, if you really want to do something for British literature when you sit EANWHILE, Miss Wkdecombe continued to can-paign for the job by courting cheap publicity. Her latest move was to call for Bishop Roserick Wright's excommunication for News of the World.

Again, there is a problem of pecedent here. Excommunications the Middle Ages by Elisabeth Vdola (University of California Press, 1986) has no reference to be News of the World in the index between Nevill, Galfertis of and Nicea, First Council of

Ms Vodola does list a number d the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries theft of animals; apostasy, disob dience of husband; presence at tournament; violence to a clerk; enclosing animals in a disputed flef: contumacy (ie wilful disoberance) and "grave excesses". It is not clear which of these categori Miss Widdecombe wishes to invoke.

According to Abelard, "excord oini rennis shi ziuq noitssinum the hands of the devil, who could do with him as he wished." Some would argue that selling one's story to the News of the World achieves precisely this effect. Therefore the Bishop may be deemed to have excommunicated no matter how unpromising their individual environment. One of the

> S THE eccentric Benetton company starts a new poster campaign involving copuman's dream. An extra one and a half Inches In The Lunchbox Department' has appeared on posters round Britain. It advertises a chocolate biscuit.

The move from vaguely smutty innuendo to clear-cut sexual references on posters has been going on for a while. Previously it was used to push singles holidays and women's underwear. Chocolate biscuits are aimed largely at children. Where next? "Start screwing — play with Meccano"?

ND another thing. Whatever happened to the old reticence of the obituary writer? Yesterday's Guardian enlogised Nicu Ceausescu, son of the former dictator, as "notoriously debauched . . hedonistic despot . . . a byword for excess,

cruelty and terror."
Where are the euphemisms of yesteryear? "Confirmed bachelor" (gay); "convivial" (drunk); "did not suffer foois gladly" (cantanker-ous misery-guts); "very kind to the young people in his care" (preda-

tory paedophile) etc.
It is left to the latest annual report of the Old Cliftonian Society to maintain and enhance the old standards. "His comments on boys were always spot-on" is in the cricket pro's obit. It appears to mean "he had the tact of Ena Sharples". Meanwhile, one teacher "enjoyed the exciting spectrum of life to the full". It is not at all clear what this means.

HE 1997 edition of The Economist Pocket World In Figures (Profile Books) reveals that Britain has overtaken China as global leader in the number of books published a year: 95,015, twice as many as the United States. The Chinese remain the world's most assiduous cinemagoers; the Luxembourgeois drink the most and own the most dishwashers; the Iraqis have the lowest divorce rate, and Latylans the highest. Meanwhile, Qatar has

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1.971 men to every woman. A woman at the Qatar Embassy could not explain this statistic. She said she wasn't Qatari. But then she wouldn't be, would she?

MALLWEED Prediction service. Some of the following may come true soon; 1. The TV regulatory body, the ITC, will upset Rupert Murdoch by trying to make Sky-TV "unbun-dle" its channels; ie if you want to watch the sport, you won't be forced to pay for dozens of chan-nels showing 24-hour rubbish. 2. Graeme Hick will announce that

he wishes to play for Zimbabwe, who want him, rather than England, who don't. He could re-qualify in 1998. Ann Widdecombe will become

manager of Manchester City. You

# Written out of the plot It's that time of year again —the



Booker shortlist is announced on Tuesday. So are literary prizes a force for good or evil? Novelist and Booker judge, A L Kennedy, and fellow novelist and critic, D J Taylor, disagree

#### Dear Alison,

DONT for a moment want to disparage the starling work currently being done by yourself and your colleagues, and like any writer I'm in favour of practically any-thing that bestows money and kudos on the profession, but I do begin to resent the effect of prize culture on literary life.

The relevant section in the Writers' and Artists' Yearbook now extends to several pages: prizes for the under-30s, the over-40s, for first and second novelists, promising newcomers and lifetime achievers. Do they really help novelists to pursue their careers?

a dramatic effect in increasing sales and awareness (see Richard Todd's study, Consuming Fictions, published this week). But I'd argue that it has encouraged a particular kind of Booker novel — the fashlonable, post-colonial Commonwealth writers kind — at the expense of less flashy but squally worthwhile domestic fare

for women like the Orange Prize if A S Byatt won't allow herself to be

the Whithread, where the judges have to pick the winner from five different categories.

If people want to throw money at literature, there are more effective means of doing it. Most of the literary prizes exist to encourage young writers. I'm only in my mid-30s, but I think it's the older writers who need sustaining. One of the by-blows of current publishing economics is the inability of a lot of reputable middle-aged novelists to stay in print. Merit awards for the over-50s would be a better way of promoting good work than giv-ing — say — Graham Swift an-other £25,000 which he doesn't

#### Dear David.

problems of variable criteria, accentric constitution, the intrusion of quirky/corrupt persons realth writers kind — at the ex-ense of less flashy but aqually forthwhile domestic fare.

I can't see the point of an award

climate? Why single out "reputable middle-aged novelists" for an auto-



#### Dear Alison.

GALLANTRY, let alone consider ations of literary merit, compels me to salute the prize judges who brought your early work to wider attention. But I don't accept the argument that talent — especially argument that talent — especially younger talent — would sicken and die if the prize syndrome weren't there to support it. My wife works for one of the hig London publishing houses, and her line is that everyone is looking for hright young scribblers with the faintest scintilla of literary ability — the difficulty lies in finding them! All over literary London, huge sums of money are being thrown at anguished thirty-omethings fresh off the creative writing courses -if you don't believe me take a look

And how does one "address the weaknesses" of something like the Booker, which for all the care lavished on the composition of its panel chose Anita Brookner's Hotel Du Lac in 1984 while leaving Martin Amis's Money off the shortlist altogether, couldn't be bothered with Vikram Seth in 1993 or Jonathan Coe in 1994 and has a babit of than Coe in 1994, and has a habit of rewarding writers for previous pan-els' past unistakes (Peter Carey in 1968, James Kelman in 1994)? Like you, I wish small publishers

at the First Report column in the

could be better supported. Literary prizes, nearly all of them geared to the mainstream London firms, don't do this. One of my favourite

matic helping hand? No one in this area is finding it especially easy to stay, or indeed to get in print. Small publishers (those remaining) can't pay writers enough to free them to write and find it hard.

Alison Kennedy

good books, address the week, writers is the Cumbrian novelist nesses and amend them, don't abandon them.

Yours, more in sadness than in anger, Alison Kennedy getting his work reviewed in a national newspaper? I fear the two questions are connected.

#### Dear David,

GALLANTKY? I'm sure you have bags of it. But is it entirely gallant to imply that I'm a bent Booker judge? You seem to suggest I picked up Reiver Blues and thought. "Shucks, that won't get reviewed much — I'll skip it." Not so. You think judges are the problem in the "minerature". lem in the "prize syndrome" judge selection isn't the issue. The efficient, unfearful and equitable constitution of prizes, free from media hijacking, is the key. Look at the coverage of any major prize — it will consistently hint that books are a waste of

time, that writers are a shower of hasty-minded spongers and that books are far less interesting than the disagreements they create. Barely a whisper is raised against huge prizes for — say — successful tennis stars, no one questions the existence of the Oscars, but literary awards are always under fire always being tempted to compro mise their reputations and effectiveness to placate the press. Of course, there will be disagre

Equally, panels of judges — even if they all live in the literate parts of town and go to the same parties -

#### ture has to take some of the blame Anyway, enjoy yourself on Tuesday and give my love to Carmen. Best wishes, David

Best wishes.

GALLANTRY? I'm sure you have

neuts, they're part of any decisionmaking process. You may not per sonally like all the decisions made

Dear David,

WELL, pardon me, I'll just keep perfecting my tubercular cough and shuffle back up to the garret. wrote fantastically well when I was on supplementary benefit — it save me such a carefree life for day-old bread

You do harp on about the Booker and it really isn't the only prize around, as well you know. But as you mention it, I think it would really do something for British literature if a committed, well-written, passionate and humane book won it and never mind your personal agendas. thank you very much. I will do my best to ensure the same

Your last letter fondly echoe arguments employed against the Beveridge reforms. You seem to believe that writers don't have the believe that writers don't have the strength of character to cope with earning a living. All very fashionable these days, obviously. My elders and betters seem to believe that a proportion of our population are not made of the stuff that could stand belying with health care, adequate housing and social services.

Yes, the Booker is still the prize of prizes — well, there has to be one. It can be a force for good or ill. Remember your agenda — tempting isn't it, all that power? But our literary culture is profit led. Without the support of prizes the major-ity of quality, but uncommercial fiction would not survive. And low elling, Booker non-contenders like me would go to the wall.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

God Bless,

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The larger houses with market-ing muscle are in business to do business. Their editorial staffs are

either freeiance or nervous: risk

taking, passion for and commit-ment to literature are wafer thin on the ground. If prizes of all kinds

weren't there to provide lurid

acket straps, press coverage and

public interest, how many literary non-genre books would be pub

non-genre books would be pub-lished? Good writing is hard to market because it's hard to clas-sify — coffee-table sex guides and weedy, cult lookalikes are far ess-ler to push.

Our current government avoids

providing books for its school chil-

dren. Do you expect public money or lottery funding to support writ

ers? How? The various arts coun-cils are hard pressed as it is. If you

think the current prize system is quixotic and fallible, imagine the

entrenched corruption, political bias and stylistic monotony that a

Literary Good Taste Quango

More personally, without the timely addition of prize money, early in my career, I probably wouldn't be writing now. No great

loss to the nation, there — but my story isn't unusual. Prizes gave me

a wider audience, attention from larger publishers and — when my

advance for five years' work totalled \$450 — meaningful finan-

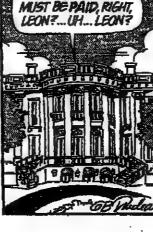
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about the readers and writers of

would generate.







I MEAN, RESPECT





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Why are our

plastic bags

produced in

China and

Where labour's cheap, profit's steep . . . in Shenzhen (above) and Xin Hui (below) where factories are producing the Safeway shopping bags once made in Britain

ince, holidays, job security. Yet

ish workers. Nobody seems to

have thought, when it came to helping the dispossessed, that it

might mean dispossessing

Saying that someone is obsess by globalisation is as absurd as complaining that a farmer is ob-

be. The question is not if we can stop the process — we could, but

as Alvin Toffler says, "then pre-

pare to become Cambodia" — but

how can we cope with the appall-

The Savanarola of globalisation

is Professor lan Angell of the LSE. He foresees a future of massive

social upheaval. Since jobs.

money, goods, information and

people can be transferred around

the globe almost without restric-

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# s China trading places?

HAVE seen the future, and | it stinks. You can get a good look at it in the Chinese city of Xin Hui, which you've probably never heard of, since in Chinese terms it's a small conurbation of just 800,000 people. I went there recently to make a BBC television programme about globalisation, travas not yet begu

Lewer, a Derbyshire businessman working for British Polythene. Among many other things, BP makes plastic shopping bags and until recently it made them in Telford, Shropshire. But because Chinese labour is much cheaper than ours, the world price of plastic bags has dropped, by between one third and one quarter of a penny it's a piffling sum, but the Xin Hui factory makes 21 million bags a week (many ready-printed "Keep Britain Tidy"), and this saving translates into enormous sums for

Realising that he could no onger sell pricier British-made bags, Cliff set off for China, more or less on his own, and established a factory on what was, a isw years ago, a paddy field. Several times a year he takes a plane from Hong Kong, then a high-speed ferry up the Pearl River to Xin Hul, staying when he gets there in what used to be the guest have a stay of the property house for senior Communist officlass. On most trips he's the only

European he sets eyes on. Cliff is fairly devout, so on Sundays he goes to Xin Hui's now legal Christian church, where the

mournful hymns familiar from home are sung in Chinese. British Polythene's Chinese workers are paid a basic rate of around 50p an hour, which is one-tenth of what the bag makers of Telford earned. These are good wages, vastly better than the average \$300 per year still earned in the many Chinese provinces where liberalisation

So desperate are Chinese people to get work in the new special economic zones that mass migrations are taking place around the country. On the edge of Shenzhen, the boom city just over the border from Hong Kong, there is an immigration post not to keep for-eigners out but to bar Chinese people who want a share in the new prosperity. There are now 150 million people in south-east China sione working in manufacturing industry, far more than in the whole of the EU put together or the United States. Surprisingly, Britain is the largest European

In the cities themselves you can see rampant capitalism on the move, like time-lapse films show ing a flower grow in 30 seconds. Vast Mercedes clog crowded alley ways and nudge up against rick shaw drivers.
When I first spent time in

China, 12 years ago, market stalls were pitifully empty. The Chinese-made goods looked brutish but fragile; one suspected that the TV sets might have been gaspowerered. Now some shops are bursting with well-made products not Telford? Simon Hoggart blames globalisation

— cameras, videos, even washing machines. The clothing is better, I suspect, than you would see in the marketable anywhere, will simply contract out of the existing state.
Already — especially in the US
and increasingly here — they will
live in secure, closed estates. As
they drive their children to school centre of a deprived British city. On the Left it is a commonplace complain about politicians modish obsession with globalisa in foreign cars, they by-pass state education, the NHS, public trans-port. Soon they will by-pass taxes, tion. The implication is that it's being used as an excuse to hack away at workers' rights - insurchoosing to live where they have

these same people were most What keeps them in Britain? vocal when they demanded more Friends, family, familiarity, the spending on overseas aid. language. But would that survive Now that people in the developthe promise of real wealth ing world are earning real money in real jobs, instead of being deabroad? And much they might be troubled by the poverty around them, plus growing social dispendent on the Lady Bountifuls of the West, they complain yet more loudly about the jobs lost by Britorder and crime, they will probably cling on to their money.

to nay the lowest rates.

In the same way we could do-nate the 5p a week we save on Chinese bags to the distressed plastic workers of Telford, but we don't. In the global world, the old political links which bound us together are dissolving. More and more, we are going to be facing the world on our own, carrying what is saleable in our heads around with us, like an artisan's

tool bag. The new processes are well underway. The Treasury announced this year that it was un-expectedly missing £4 billion in Vat receipts. Much of this has been squirrelled away legally in cyberspace. Any multi-national company can adjust its affairs to pay the minimum tax possible on every transaction. The Information Super-Highway turns out to be packed with unmarked white



riots and strikes.

will tolerate. Pay the unemployed

more, and you have to increase

taxes, which drives away compa-

nies, which means more unem-

ployed. This isn't some demented

Chicago analysis: it's what's hap-

pening in Europe, and it could well

happen here too. (Last year Brit-ain dropped from first to ninth for

And the disappearance of manu-

facturing jobs is not all bad news.

If Nike trainers cost less because they're assembled in Indonesia

for 20 cents an hour instead of the

\$12 an hour the company paid in

Oregon, then we get cheaper shoes and the Indonesians get a

wage, of sorts, and often paid to children. In real terms, videos

now cost one-tenth of what they

did when they first arrived So in

some respects we are all better off. Labour's "prosperity league table" is ludicrous; the unspoken

sub-text is that it's all very well

for everyone to be richer, but not

world inward investment.)

vans full of used fifties. Nationality is just another commodity to be traded these days. You can buy full residence and employment rights in the US for \$1 million. Canada is much cheaper, and gets you into the North American Free Trade Association, which is why around 80 per cent of rich Hong Kong citizens choose to flee there. But you can pick Hondurss, a bar-gain at \$30,000. For the well-to-do, the right nationality is an op-

tional extra. In Britain, we are still just ahead of the game. Siemens, the German electronics giant, is building a £1.1 billion semi-conductor factory on Tyneside, offering two reasons for its choice: there will be enough ex-perts to work there and because we offer a Thatcherised, docile labour force, prepared to work all shifts, do overtime, and — most important — to earn much less than Germans.

IMILARLY. Korean conglomorate LG is investing twice as much in South Wales. The main reason is that wages in South Wales are lower than they are in Korea. How long can this downward spiral go on? For-ever? Possibly so. The French have hardly started, which is why they have dangerously high unemployment, propped up by the CAP.

I lunatic device designed to turn, at mind-boggling expense, the whole of Europe into a theme park devoted to how life was lived a cen-

portant there; it is becoming a side-show, a twice-weekly bear fight staged for TV.) The Saudi regime is not in danger from Iraq, so much as from dissident groups operating in London, who can beam anti-govern-ment material, assembled in a bedroom in Willesden, down from satellites direct into people's homes. Even the revolutionary barricades are now electronic, and safe from the secret police.

MAIN PHOTOGRAPH DON MCPHEE

if we're overtaken by yellow and brown people on the other side of

Meanwhile, governments in-creasingly become facilitators, abandoning ideology in order to

suck what investment they can into the country. (It is eerie how much, outside the House of Com-

mons, Messrs Blair and Major sound alike on the subject of the future. It's another sign of Parlia-

ment's marginalisation that they never bother to say anything im-

There are encouraging signs. The biggest economy in the world is the US, where they have 5.1 par cent unemployment and a growth tury ago. Government attempts to join the real world are greeted by The spiral is already affecting the Asian tigers we are invited to rate which, at 4.8 per cent, any European leader would kill for. Its admire. Very little manufacturing economy remains incredibly flexible, and implies that the West could survive and even prosper, even while globalisation is spreading wealth to the old Third World. What this means socially we don't goes on in Hong Kong: wages, higher than in Britain, cost too much. Singapore farms work out to Bangladeah and India, and is thinking of moving into Africa. know. Ian Angell predicts hords All this is rapidly diminishing the role of politicians. Their tradiof the itinerant unemployed tional main job, of raising money terrorising the land. Governand spending it, is more and more ments, which once offered carrots and sticks, will only offer sticks in difficult. Increasingly they can only raise the taxes the market the shape of a ferocious police

force used to protect the better-off.
Cities will begin to see themselves as the only important economic units; London, for example, on its own one of the world's more successful economic centres, might simply decide to stop shar-ing its wealth with the rest of the UK. The new greater Hong Kong will keep out most Chinese; what's to stop London keeping out the poorer Brits? Property prices dready work that way.

Or the greater prosperity - and the fact that there is ample food grown in the world for everyone -could, through miracles of social and economic engineering, lead to a better, happier world.

Or somewhere in between, As HG Wells said, the future is never as futuristic as you think.

The first of Simon Hoggart's two-part documentary on globalisation, The Hollow State, will be shown on BBC2 at 8.10pm tonight



Point of disagreement . . . Years of tension between Mikhail Gorbachev and Borls Yeltsin climaxed with extraordinary scenes of vindictiveness and almost childish Pique at the end of December 1991 when the Soviet leader was brusquely bundled out of the Kremlin. Here, in an exclusive extract from his memoirs, the architect of Glasnost

reveals how Yeltsin and his cronies invaded Gorbachev's personal office and toasted his downfall. The ostensible reason for Gorbachev's ousting was the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States to replace the Soviet Union. The memoirs uncover just how sordid and rancorous was the process of transition

## Triumph of the plunderers

ELMUT KOHL tele | the meeting in Alma Ata [which phoned me again in the evening of December 19 to ask how I saw developments in our country. I could sense that he was rather upset, even alarmed, which was quite

agreed the framework for the CIS]. I sensed from his very first words, which were full of goodwill and sympathy, that he was mostly concerned about my emotional state and my projects for the future. I informed him that I Francois Mitterrand was the would soon be relinquishing the first foreign leader I spoke to after office of President of the USSR.

On December 23 I had a talk with John Major. Though we had come to know each other only relatively recently, we had quickly to be very difficult." established a good personal rap-port. He too was alarmed by the

latest developments. "Whatever happens," Major said, "there can be no doubt that you have secured for yourself a special just sent him a farewell letter. I

On December 25 I had another telephone conversation with George Bush. I told him I would announce my stepping down in about two hours, adding that I had

used the opportunity to repeat that I genuinely appreciated what we had achieved together - both in his time as vice-president and particularly after we both had be-

come presidents.
I said that there should be no doubt that he ought to recognize the Commonwealth of Indepencontinued, was the support of

I told Bush that I was transferring the right to use nuclear arms to the President of the Russian Federation. It was most important to ensure that nuclear weapons remained under reliable control. I said that he could celebrate

Christmas without worry.
In Alma Ata the council of leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States made a decision concerning my status after I ceased to be President of the USSR. At my request the Russian President signed a decree provid-ing premises for the political and socioeconomic research fund I had decided to create and direct in order to continue my activities under the new conditions. (Yeltsin retracted this decision only a

There were no farewells. None of the leaders of the CIS states telephoned me, not on the day of my departure or since.

The transfer of Supreme Command to the Russian President was scheduled for the evening of December 25. We had agreed that the ceremony should take place in my Kremlin office. Defence Minister Shaposhnikov, with a group of generals and the officers who kept guard over the famous presidential "briefcases" with the control system for nuclear arms, was already waiting for us.

A few minutes passed — the Russian President was apparently late. Then I was told that he had refused to come. It turned out that Yeltsin, together with his entourage, had listened to my televised speech and

flown into a rage.

After a while, I was told that he proposed to meet on "neutral ter-ritory" — in the Catherine Hall, the part of the Kremlin where with foreign leaders were usually held. Yeltsin and his team apparently saw this as a symbolic gesture. However, their action looked rather comical, not to say

THEREFORE decided to send immediately to Yeltsin a pack-age containing the decree of USSR President on the transfer to the President of Russia of supreme command over the armed forces. I handed the briefcase to Shaposhnikov, asking him to take it to its new owner as quickly as possible and report back to me. The entire procedure took only a few minutes.

Thus, even in the first minutes after stepping down, I was faced with impudence and a lack of courtesy. Ensuing events proved that this action, rather than an isolated backlash of Yeltsin's feelings of revenge, was part of the policy he had adopted towards

Yeltsin put off his presidential duties to supervise personally my "expulsion" from the Kremlin. He gave instructions for the lowering of the Soviet flac and the hoisting of the flag of the Russian Federa tion, and personally saw to it that the procedure should be completed according to schedule and filmed by television cameras. We had initially agreed that I | . All rights reserved

should vacate my Kremlin office by December 30. However, on the morning of the 27th. I received a telephone call from the Kremlin reception-room: Yeltsin, Ruslan Khasbulatov and Gennady Burbulis had occupied my office at 8.30am and held a party there, emptying a bottle of whisky ...

this was the triumph of plunder-ers. I can find no other word for it. I was told to vacate both the country residence and the presidential apartment within three days. On December 25, even before my television address, a group of people appeared to seal the presidential apartment. Everything had to be done in a rush; we were forced to move to

different lodgings within 24 hours.
I saw the results in the morning heaps of clothes, books, dishes, folders, newspapers, letters and God knows what lying strewn on

Following this "exodus", we settled into our new apartment, I busied myself with my personal belongings (the library, all sorts of papers that had accumulated over the years - notes, letters, telens, photographs, documents). Waves of recollection swept over

me, pictures of both remote and recent events. I was under the spell of painful reflections. Time and again I reached the same conclusion: we were still only at the beginning of the road we had chosen in March 1985. Let people talk about the end of the Gorbachev era as much as they want — the main act was only just about to begin.

This is an edited extract from Memoirs by Mikhail Gorbachev, to be published on October 10 by Doubleday/Transworld, price \$25



Conversation piece . . . Johann Zoffany's painting of the Tribuna Of The Uffizi (oil on canvas, 123 x 155 cm

#### SHOOTING STARS



Up . . . Actor and writer Jones instructes himself into the public consciousness with appearances in Channel 4's Sitcom Festival, Saturday Live and The Stand-Up Show, His star goes supernova when cast in the Tesco advertising

. . . At the comedy cattle-mar ket that is the Edinburgh Fringe. Milton Jones is the funniest fatted calf. His show is described as "perfect"; he is a "slow-burning gag-maestro". Make that maestreau: the Perrier panel duly name him Best Newcomer. And away . . . Tomorrow night. Jones brings his distinctive chaos of character comedy to the West End in a Perrier double bill with overall winner Dylan Moran. If pedestrians passing Her Majesty's Theatre encounter a tornado of laughter, we'll know that Milton



PALLING: TIMY

. . Herbert Khaury, aka Tiny Tim, emerges in the late sixtles. He's a one-man freakshow, warbling Tiptoe Through The Tulips espousing Christian fundamentalism, marrying a 17-year-old disciple live on the Johnny Carson Show. Going - - Three years later, the marriage comes to a rancorous end. He slides into two decades of unnoticed comebacks and alcoholism. Gone . . . He's just married another fan — a millionaire's daughter who saved herself for him for 27 years — and released Girl, his first single in eons. Its modest success in the US means Tiny Tim may soon be coming to a church hall near you,

# Hobnobbin

Johann Zoffany had a royal commission to paint the treasures of Italy's Grand Tour. What he produced was a masterly portrayal of young English aristocrats on the pull, says Rachel Barnes

HAT do the plays of Shakespeare have in common with the novels of Henry James and the films of Merchant Ivory? A fascination with Italy: which reached dizzy heights in the 18th century, when

It was a fact commonly acknowledged that every young man in possession of a fortune had to be in need of a Grand Tour. No chin was so weak that It couldn't be strengthened by five years touring the art treasures of Italy. Our museums are full of the

knick-knacks they brought back with them. Burlington House, Somerset House, the British Museum, Sir John Soane's Museum. Kew Gardens are all examples of neo-classical fervour — and this month it is the subject of a grand new exhibition at the Tate. It is an experience that vividly - not to say garishly summed up in one of the paintings in the exhibition. Johann Zof-

fany's conversation plece. The Tri-buna Of The Uffizi, has become one of the most famous evocations of the Grand Tour. At least part of its charm lies in its undeniable kitsch. It is all so precious. Zoffany's scrupulous accuracy speaks oceans for the exclusive world of the British patricians abroad, immersed in the Florence stage of the experience.

The Tribuna had been built in the Uffizi as a shrine for the most exotic and precious works of art in the Medici collections. Queen Charlotte, who had heard of Zoffany's plans to go to Italy in the summer of 1772, commissioned him "to paint for Her. the Florence

Gallery".

The gentlemen are in fact a motley crew of connoisseurs, diplomats, travellers and young men on the Grand Tour. Many are portraits of known figures of the day. executed with Zoffany's famed precision and genius for catching a likeness. They gather raptur-ously around the works of art. immaculately dressed in their powdered wigs, the sartorial elegance of the period painstakingly recorded. A glimpse of the leisured existence of the élite opens up before us. It is all there. the ethos of the time squeezed into this overcrowded spectacle, with its strange combination of faultless realism and fantastical dayglo colouring. The passion for art and antiquity, the British patricians hobnobbing and bonding: learning the social graces and making connections to further them back home was all a part of it.

Women are conspicuous by their absence: the Grand Tour was principally a lad's outing. The gentlemen are surrounded by some of the most celebrated art treasures of the day: Raphael, Titian, Holbein, Correggio and Rubens grace the walls. Works of art clutter the shelves, reproduced in the meticulous detail of today's gallery post-

card. Zoffany makes clear that the pursuit of art and antiquity was a major motivation in the Grand Tour. Yet are they all discussing art? On closer inspection the gen-tlemen in the foreground appear to be regarding Titian's Venus Of Urbino with open lasciviousness. Behind them, another group gazes longingly at the curvaceous form of the Venus De Medici. Zoffany's picture is not without humour. We are reminded that the purpose of sending 18-year-old boys to the Continent was to educate them as lovers as well as antiquarians. They were expected to return home at 21, having sown a few wild oats, but fully competent to propa-

It didn't always quite work out like this. To the right in Zoffany's painting. Sir Horace Mann, shown in the foreground, standing to attention and sporting the Order of the Bath, listens to his friend Thomas Patch. Patch appears to compare the Titian with The Wrestlers, a classical sculpture of muscular, writhing, bodies. It has been suggested that Patch's left hand points towards the wrestlers. demonstrating his own sexual

preference.
There was a fair bit of Patch's indicated preference to be found on the Grand Tour. Italy was seen increasingly in England as a land

of homosexuality. The big worry was that the men would return "foppish, syphilitic dandles", with very little desire to propagate.

In theory the Grand Tour was supposed to offer controlled opportunities for acquiring sexual experience. In practice it wasn't always that controlled. Parents became increasingly anxious that the opportunities offered could distract and corrupt at an impressionable age. The boys, it was said. were in danger of returning home "disabled debauchees". The writer James Boswell confessed: "During my stay in Naples I was truly liber tine. I ran after girls without restraint. My blood was inflamed by the burning climate, and my passions were violent. I indulged them; my mind had almost noth-ing to do with it."

As if reminding us of all this. Zoffany has included Sir James Bruce, the famous African Traveller, on the far right of the picture. Bruce was one of the most notorious philanderers of his day. The

#### The big worry was that Italy would turn men into 'syphilitic fops'

artist described him as "the wonder of the age, the terror of married men and the constant lover."

It was the Catholic writer
Richard Lassels who first coined the term Grand Tour in 1670 in his Journey Through Italy. He had got the travel bug in a big way. Endlessly he waxed lyrical about Italy which "seemed to me to be Nature's Darling and the Eldest sister of all other Countryes' But it was with improved trans-

port and — at last — a spell of peace that the whole thing took off. Like the rush to visit Prague after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Italy experienced a mass invasion of tourists after cen-turies of hostilities between the Protestant British government and the Papal States. Going on the Grand Tour was an

expensive business. It could only ever have been for the privileged: the rites of passage for the British upper class. Education, politics, sex — it was all inclusive. It temporarily replaced the function of Oxbridge, which in this period did not enjoy its finest hour. This desire to travel and experience new cultures is something we have inherited — an urge that no amount of TV, photographs and exotic products in the supermaring might be failing, but as a city for

ket appears to diminish. A need for adventure, even danger — per-haps to be someone a little different for a while, is as relevant now as it was for the 18th-century trav-

But some things have changed. With jet-assisted travel to Asia, Africa, the Himalayas, the motivation now is as much to escape western civilisation as to discover it. For the Grand Tourists, Italy could provide an exoticism that can now only be found on the other side of the globe. Today's equivalents to the Grand Tourists are perhaps the young Americans and Antipodeans who fill Italy's Youth Hostels on their once-in-a-lifetime cultural pilgrimages to mother Europe. One could almost imagine Dr Johnson's exhortation ringing in their ears: "A man who has not been to Italy is always conscious of an inferiority from his not having seen what it is expected a man

To make his picture, Zoffany was given the rare privilege of moving seven masterpieces from the Pitti Palace into the Uffizi. Florence's Uffizi held a very special place in the hearts of the Grand Tourist. The writer William Beck-ford wrote, "I thought I should have gone wild upon first setting my feet in the Gallery and when I beheld such ranks of Statues, such treasures of gems and bronzes -- I fell into a delightful delirium which none but Souls like us experience, and, unable to check my rapture flew madly from Bust to Bust and Cabinet to Cabinet like a Butterfly bewildered in a Universe

In Zoffany's painting Titian is represented by the Venus Of Urbino It is Zoffany himself who holds up the Madonna by the High Renaissance artist Raphael, Titian was often seen at this time to represent unbridled sensuality. Raphael was a symbol of the loftier, artistic and educational pursuits of the Grand Tour.

The lure of the antique in Rome the Eternal City — represented by the classical statues in the Tra buna, and in the newly discovered cities of Pompeii and Hercula neum, was the sacred goal for many at the end of the arduons journey. Collecting became the great passion of men like the wealthy Catholic Charles Townley, also famous for his affair and subsequent marriage to the beautifu Emma Hamilton. His treasures collected on three Grand Tours, later formed the basis of the

British Museum's collection. But perhaps Venice, the City Of Love, beckoned most. It was usually the first stopping place on the itinerary. Naples being the fur-

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reality of travel was harsh indeed.

Terrors lurked in the constant fear

of the plague, the unspeakably

uncomfortable seat chasse — the usual mode of transport, and the

inconsistent standard of Italian

inns. The only way to cross the

Alps from France into Italy in the

18th century was to be carried

over them in a sedan chair. The

experience was like travelling to a

remote part of India might be now.

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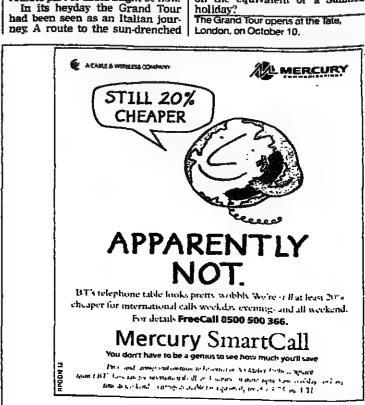
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tourists, it had only just started. The modern art of Tiepolo and South, awakening the British traveller to the glories of classical cul-Canaletto was popular with the English Many a Canaletto came ture. By the turn of the century, this classical thing, with Italy seen as a kind of theme park, was over. back to England as a momento of the trip. It was also fashionable to Zoffany's painting gives an have one's portrait painted in insight into the snobbery that contributed to its demise. Although the ambience in the Tribuna Venice by artists such as Pompeo Batoni, who knew just how to flatter. Sir Matthew Featherstone and appears so rarifled to our eyes, for his young wife had a lovely one done: he was dressed fetchingly as some it was not nearly exclusive enough. Zoffany was later sav-agely criticised by Sir Horace Walhunter, and she as the goddess Diana. It would look just the thing pole for including "the flock of back on the estate at Uppark.

The young blade's memento-hunting did have its price. The travelling boys and one does not know or care whom". The king and queen also thought it

"improper" and neither wanted the picture. The Napoleonic Wars might have been the event that put an end to continental travel. But the invention of steam travel and the rapid development of package tourism meant that for the British upper class, it was no longer elite. It was over. What English gentleman, after all, would send his son on the equivalent of a SunMed holiday? The Grand Tour opens at the late,



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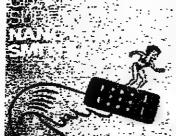




The revelation

ed social commentator.

HE title is a godsend: Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf? But what is Edward Albee's



# Sleep is critical

O THIS lad turned up apparently, from the look of him, selling velvet pictures to finance his theological studies. No so. This one had come to retune my video for

Now I am a fair judge of a TV engineer. I married one. This looked more like Adrian Mole, aged 13 and threequarters. He was in a hurry and I was hesitant but he had what the rental company called my Unique Security Number so Het him retune their video. After he had gone, it wouldn't

Television critics - I don't know if you realise this — work almost wholly from video cassettes. So, with my main video out of action, I withdrew to my second line of defence, the video in my bedroom. The only problem with watching TV in bed is that you fall asleep, the purest kind of criticism. I shall, therefore, rate Friday's television on its snooze factor.

You might expect One Man And His Dog (BBC 2) to have the highest snooze rating. All those sheep. Not a bit of it. For the first time it fielded a sheepdog called Sid. Sheepdogs are not called Sid. Sidney, Come Home! starring Elizabeth Taylor just doesn't sound right. Like princes of the blood, sheepdogs have a limited choice of names and Sid's not one of them.

He was instantly marked out as a pariah. Robin Page, the presenter who looks like Nigel a EastEnders, called him The Ontsider, How would Sid measure up to the more correctly named Cap "son of the

The sheep were Swaledale, which tend to be vague, grey and distrait like elderly actresses forgetting their lines and bursting into tears if bullied. It is difficult for the layman to tell a featherheaded sheep from an shrewd, deep thinking sheep but a dog knows

the difference.
Sid came smiling through to win the heat. The suspense of it all kept me on the edge of my ed. Score: no spore

Two new comedy series on BBC 2: the return of Shooting Stars With Reeves And Morlimer and All Stand For Julian Clary, who has moved sideways from Channel 4. Shooting Stars is surreal,

anarchic and extremely rowdy. The camera seems to be having a fit. According to the second law of thermodynamics everything in time is reduced to chaos and, boy, has the second law got it right or what? Snore factor one. Perfect repose difficult because of the racket Julian Clary, an odd amal-

gam of Dame Hilda Bracket and Princess Diana, mediated between mildly warring factions, "A charming — if modes — terrace," as he put it, had fallen out over hanging baskets. A close harmony group had broken up in discord. He called it "A load of camp old nonsense from the BBC." I call that harsh. One snore.

English Country Garden (BBC 2), a wander through posh plots, is more dreamy than sleepy.

Rosemary Verey must be 78 and comes from a different world. The language, the accen are a little different too. She said "Gardening is so — a word that my mother-in- law used to use — lenitive. I don't think it's in an English dictionary but it means soothing." She says "Oh gosh!" and "Amazing!" and "Orf" and "Orfen." The fingers pushing seeds into peat and

perlite wear diamond rings. In this world there is usually a temple at the end of the vista and a head gardener in the background ("Fergue has got tremendous energy.")

She and Christopher Lloyd have had world enough and time to create great gardens As they wandered through his garden at Great Dixter, their grey heads well below the level of the blazing flowers, they talked about September "autumn has such a beautiful light, so obliging, so kind . . . "). You thought serene old age and, then, the dying

amhition: he is writing about the decline of western civilisation. If anything I find his views too narof the light. rowly determinist. George, using history as form of escape, clearly represents the failure of humanism while Nick is meant to embody a totalitarian future that destroys

God and Mammon.



Michael Billington sees new life - and new meaning - breathed into Edward Albee's classic

Who's afraid of politics?

the early hopes of the Kennedy era. I am not suggesting that people are drawn to Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf? by its politics: simply that the play is much more than a marathon bickerfest and that Albee is an impassioned social critic. Two years ago he told me that he liked plays to be "useful, not merely decorative" and that he feared that America was in danger of becoming "a non-participatory semi-democracy". This was clearly a man deeply concerned by the state of the Union.

In Howard Davies he has also found an ideally sympathetic inter-preter who understands that Albee's play is both domestic and cosmic. John Napier's set is a cluttered campus living-room that, like the play itself, opens up on to wider territory. And the actors visibly grasp that the play offers a battle of ideas as well as egos.

David Suchet's marvellous George is both a ruthless gamesplayer and a man who hides his sense of disappointment behind a sardonic exterior watching him run intellectual rings round the hapless Nick, it struck me that George was the ancestor of all those Simon Gray academics who conceal their hurts behind a relentless one-upmanship. What the lustrous Diana Rigg brings to the party as Martha is also much more than the conventional blowsy drunk: she presents us with a highly intelligent woman conscious of her power as the college president's daughter, yet who at the same time is haunted by self-disgust. The most moving moment in Rigg's stunning performance is her admission that George has made "the hideous, the hurting, the insulting mistake of loving me and must be punished for it".

Lloyd Owen and Clare Holman as Nick and Honey also prove that their characters are much more than punchbags for the older heavyweights. It is very much a team show in which all four characters seem to embody variant aspects of Albee's vision of the collapsed American Dream.

Some say it's too long. But, as in Long Day's Journey Into Night, the epic breadth seems to me the point. We become part of the ritual in which the characters slug it out until a kind of exhaustion sets in. Albee had O'NellI in mind but I am play. In Long Day's Journey O'Neill dramatises his own family's tribulations: Albee's achievement is that he puts on stage a much larger slice of his scarred and fatigued Republic. And to those who complain, like Sam Goldwyn, that messages are for Western Union, one can only retort that Albee himself once worked for them. At the Almeids, London (0171-359 4404).

## Berger: a joke!

HE QUESTION of the week is, does John Berger have a sense of humour? Berger isn't synonymous with clowning — his talents lie more at the expository end of the spectrum, sometim 2s just this side of precious. But Will It Be A Likeness? his Radio 3 feature. seemed to be heading towards

new territory. Viz the opening sentence: "Last week I talked about the dog." Consult Radio Times: last week Berger talked about nothlog. "A number of listeners have eent me faxes." You don't fax John Berger — you send him a quilled letter. "The dog is the only animal with a historical sense of time, but be can never be a historical agent." Whoa. John Berger is making a joke.

It's hard to tell, of course. because Berger serious makes the kind of aphoristic pronouncement that Berger prankster here makes, but soon it sounds as if he's guying his gests that painting works betbecause every painting has its own kind of silence, butterflies too have their own particular silences, etc. Watch out Armando Iannucci, there's a wit about.

But it couldn't last. Berger overplayed the fax joke -Excuse me, a fax" (sound of fax). And for jokes you need a light touch. Here Berger adopted a kind of stereo comic dialectic, he became his own devil's advocate, chiding himself for "empty leftist rhetoric" and being "a nostalgic old man". Of course the comic and the serious can tango together

revealingly, but coming from this artful polemicist, it seen

unconvincina Then again I may have got it ali wrong — Berger might have been (piayfully) serious throughout. The piece was mance artist, and he made certain near-whimsical attempts at radio magic realism

Goya's dog was a running gag - Which only half ca Berger is a Marxist with compelling things to say about culture, and an uncompromisingly poetic, elliptical style of deliv ery that can madden but also enthrali and illuminate. This time, talking about societies where everything is commodi-fied, he cast the odd spot of light, but also resorted to tech niques used by those who have to sell their ideas. Can we have our old Berger back please, or the new one but without the contrived interruptions?

Spalding Gray is much more comfortable with the comic "I", but then he's an American. The monologist has lost at least one layer of angst since he was last on Radio 3: now more famous and father of a boy called Forest (yup), his new series Further Shades Of Gray wasn't as mirthful as the previous one. (If the fellow gets too centred, he will have gained a life and lost an act.) But Gray still talks as others think, and his accounts of interviewing the Dalai Lama and the satisfying terrors of skilng remain cherishable.

Inadvertantly, Bob Hescott's play Lost (Radio 4) raises the question not of whether there can be poetry after Auschwitz, but whether there should be plays about it. And Kindertransport notwithstand

ing, I think the answer is no. Hescott's attempt to portray a group of Czech Jewish children recalling their path to Anschwitz was, I've no doubt, well-intentioned. But confined vithin the narrative conventions of the afternoon radio play, and with school dram soc style of child acting, it ended up sounding like the advenrures of the Famous Five adding nothing to our under-standing of the Holocaust, but diminishing plenty. Reading Martin Gilbert's fine forthcoming book about child Holocaust survivors, The Boys, you see the unmatchable power and integrity of testimon

The surprise NEXPECTED competition to London Fashion Week turned up on Thursday night when Jasper Couran unveiled his fabulous neo-glam-ourpuss collection in Birmingham. It was a strutting, purring, sexy show of tight-waisted tea frocks in acid bright fruit prints, the skirts cut high on the thigh and flaring in a razzle of pleats and petticoats. There were mini bustles in tarty stars and stripes, an evening gown that was a supple slither of cerise and witty black

sion for reality is even a symbol of

It was, in fact, David Bintley's new ballet The Nutcracker Sweetles, for which Conran has produced his best dance designs yet. And the inspiration and the ke of the piece come from the ballet's score, in which Duke Ellington weaks gloriously raunchy havoc on the familiar melodies of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy degenerates into a saxophone stripper's num-ber; the Waltz Of The Flowers has gone Latin while the Dance Of The Mirlitons sounds as if it's been soused in whisky and has a hun-dred-a-day smoking habit.

matador jackets teamed with a riot of neon coloured shirts.

Roll over Tchalkovksy and also roll over Ivanov, because the origi-nal 19th-century ballet also gets the

treatment. Its cutesy Chinese dance turns into a solo for Madame Sin (Agnes Oaks) with six-inch green nails and ice pick point work. Monica Zamora's Sugar Plum is a forties' siren sashaying on long, long legs and hexing the audience with her vermilion pout. Most comically, the Waltz Of The Flowers is a Come Dancing finale from bell, in which baleful cha-cha queen Chenca Williams keeps try-

Drink it in . . . Diana Rigg produces a stunning performance as Martha

Judith Mackrell laughs along with The Nutcracker Sweeties, dressed by Jasper Conran

ing to upstage the beleagured Joseph Cippola. All of this is set against the tilting skyscrapers and neon signs of Peter J Davison's sets and Peter And with the score performed live by the excellent Echoes of Elling ton band, it's a combination hard to resist. In cold fact there are passages where Bintley indulges in several high kicks too many and where you wish he'd been less obvious in his lindy, tap and batontwirling horrowings. A really fresh take on the material could have made this ballet a classic. But Bintley knows well how to keep a dance moving and when the jokes and surprises do come they are

nilariously entertaining. Unlike James Kudelka's new version of Le Baiser De La Fee, which was also premiering on Thursday. This is a ballet that even Balanchine confessed he had trou-ble getting right. Although it tells a story (based on Andersen's The Ice Maiden) Stravinsky's music

Dropping acid sugar plums

yarn but slowly unfold through a series of tableaux and visions. Kadelka is a fluent, sometimes inventive choreographer and be Unfortunately, a yarn is what spins passages of beguiling steps. But he frequently repeats himself inexcusably and he rarely pushes Kudelka tries vainly to create and he plods through the story with a literalness that both exacerbates his choreography to either paint its slowness and reduces its his characters or to conjure the

work's eerle extremes of terror and bliss. Perhaps most disap-pointingly he has his dancers run through their most predictable routines — Michael O'Hare performs yet another fresh-faced hero. Zemora does her smoulder ing gypsy number, Leticia Muller is the obvious nubile wife. Kudelka (who's been appointed and libretto don't attempt to be a | metaphors to narrative muddles. director of the National Ballet of Canada) is the first guest choreographer to work with BRB since Bintley took over. The point of an outsider, though, is surely to give to repeat what we already know.



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## Payne keeps his head above water

David Davies sees an Englishman share the lead ahead of a strong field in Dublin

this year Jim Payne was close to despair. He had little money and less confidence and hardly any time left to acquire both. Because he had undergone major back sur pean Tour on a special exemption which ran out in two tournaments' time and he knew that something had to

So he went and won the Italian Open. "That changed things," said Payne yesterday. "That was huge." Al-ways a talented golfer, the 26-year-old Payne, who had been out of the game for eight months, suddenly realised all over again that he could play and he now occupies a com fortable 25th place in the Volvo rankings, having won £168,000 so far this year.

Yesterday, with a second-round 69 to add to his opening 68, he gave himself the chance to win a lot more. After 38 holes he is tied, with Costan-tino Rocca, for the lead in the

the 6ft 4in Payne began to suf-far with his back. "It's a very unnatural game," said Payne yesterday. "The takeaway even the suspice rinds up the tension in the back and the downswing

T THE END of April | terday four birdies and one bogey were good enough to see him leading a \$750,000 tournament, with the prospect of taking away a \$125,000 The course and the condi-

tions have taken quite a toll this week and, while there is always someone who finds a way of getting round — Har-rington's course-record 65 in the opening round was equalled by Paul Broadhurst vesterday — there were 15 players 10 or more over par and only 39 under par in one of the year's top fields.

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This is partially due to the presence of a great deal of water, which comes into play on 12 holes and on some of them twice. On three of the holes the hazard is the lovely lies to the right of the green of the short 17th and yesterday alone there were 11 double-bogey fives, four sixes and

two severs.
Colin Montgomerie, trying to become Europe's top golfer for the fourth successive year, was one of many to The K Club near here,
Two years ago Payne won
the Majorca Open but in 1994

struggle. He survived the cut,
but only just, with a 74 that
included a double-bogey seven at the 7th and bogeys at

If Michael Campbell had even the suspicion of the smile on his face as he left ireland last night it was due to a rare moment of good fortune in a season in which there has been little enough

a towering talent last year as he finished third in the Open Volvo PGA and the British Masters and won almost \$445,000. But this year that form has entirely disapceared, he lies 144th in the Volvo rankings and has won 231.000. Worse, if he cannot win some £20,000 in his next two events, he will not have anywhere in the world and will have to go back to the

qualifying school.
"I got lost this year, phys cally and mentally," he said

Certainly his game has lo the consistency of 1995 and, although he has eagled the long 18th twice this week, they have come at the end of nine holes completed in 40 on Europe this year and yester

sles could have brought a modicum of good cheer into circumstances, brings to mind the words of the Irlsh playwright Flann O'Brien.



## Zülle gets just dessert

LEX ZULLE was trou-bled neither by rivals nor rice pudding yester-day and he can expect to win for the first time.

Zülle rode free of pressure from Lotus's Laurent Dufaux and of the food poisoning that struck his ONCE team-mates to finish the 20th stage to Palazuelos del Eresma with a comfortable grip on the yel-low jersey. He maintained a lead of more than four minberto Pistore a further three minutes back.

Neither of the remaining stages is likely to prove too demanding. Zulle can be expected to give away little in today's 44km (27.5-mile) time-

According to unconfirmed media reports, ONCE have traced the infection that caused their team so much discomfort to a rice pudding. Laurent Jalabert slipped from second place to 20th overall on Thursday and lost another minute yesterday; Neil Stephens abandoned yester-day morning; but Zülle does

not eat rice pudding.
Though several breakaway
groups formed during yesterday's stage, the pack arrived at the eight-kilometre mark the Vuelto this season bein one piece. Then the former cause it would affect his prep-world champion Gianni arations for what could be his Bugno surprised everybody to jump out to a 10-second lead and held on to win the stage by seven seconds from Toni Rominger. Zülle and Dufaux finished in a small group a further second behind.

cated his win to Miguel Indurain and "the Spanish fans". Meanwhile Indurain, resting after retiring from the race last week, has announced that he will not compete in the world championships this autumn. No reason was given.
The five-time Tour de
France winner is known to
have coveted the world roadracing title after twice finishing second and was under stood to be reluctant to ride

Indurain's retirement from dented Spanish interest in th ures have fallen by 50 per cen since he dropped out.

#### **Rugby League**

## Aboriginals' tour promises a treat

Paul Friapatrics

NGLISH crowds are in for a treat when the Australian Aboriginais play seven games here over the next three weeks. A number of outstanding Abortginals are playing first grade Australian rugby league — Cliff Lyons, Ricky Walford and Steve Renouf among them - and many more are clearly stars of the future.

squad are attached to leading Australian professional clubs but this is a strictly amateur tour and every member of the party had to find £1,600 to get himself on the plane.

The captain, the 25-year-old Cecil Herron, is the oldest man in the party and 19 of them are teenagers. One of their officials, the former Hull and Oldham player David Liddiard, describes

them as "lightning quick and with skilled bands". Their tour opens tomor-row against a President's XIII at York's Ryedale Sta-dium and includes two Tests against the Barla Great Britain side, at Workington on October 13 and Salford on October 20. retain the Academy Challenge Cup against Castle-ford at Rochdale tomorrow. Castleford are appearing in the final for the first time.

#### Parrott's new cue wrecks betting coup

Clive Everton in Motherweil

Regal Scottish Masters quar-ter-finals here yesterday frus a notable and entirely legitimate betting coup.

A few insiders plunged heavily on Doherty after learning that Parrott lost his favourite cue when he posted particularly on shots which require off-centre striking of

With Parrott able to prac tise only a few hours with his new cue, William Hill took nine bets on Doherty totalling £3.550 plus "umpteen in the hundreds" at odds from 8-11 to 1-4. The Irishman was soon 2-0 up and Parrott had

"I wish I hadn't known about it," said Doberty. "I cried to put it out of my mind. Maybe I relaxed too much when it was going to plan." Parrott then made a break

of 57 in the third frame, which not only settled him but initiated a four-frame winning streak. Doherty, twice wirmer here, made a 66 break to close to 8-4 but two more solid frames completed Parrott's victory.

This was his first win in seven attempts at the tournament he wryty regards as "my annual Scottish away-day". He had his suitcase packed again yesterday but will now stay on and play either Stephen Hendry or Alan McManus in this eve-

Hendry, who regards his cue as priceless, cannot get it insured for more than its intrinsic value of £40. Parrett bas been offered a £12 postage



Will CARLING will play his first com-petitive game at fly-half for the leaders Harle-League match against Northampton at The Stoop. The former England cap-tain has been switched from the centre to No. 10 after Paul Challinor was out with an injured

Carling, who curtailed training with England this week because of an ankle problem, has stated publicly that he would like to play for England at fly-half. Mike Catt, of Bath, and the England incumbent Paul Grayson, who will turn out at No. 10 for the Saints, will be the main impediments to Carling's ambition.

The Wigan back Robbie

Paul, the younger brother of Henry, will make his debut for Quins on the wing. If Jason Leonard's men win against third-placed Northampton, they

Sport in brief

Sussex's coach Desmond

Haynes has told the batsman Martin Speight and the dis-carded England leg-spinner Ian Salisbury to make up their minds soon about their

new contract offers, "The

club has let the players know

where they stand and it is only fair that they do the same," he said. Somerset's leading wicket-taker Andrew Caddick has agreed an im-proved contract to stay and will sign it when he returns

league campaign.
Second-placed Wasps,
who also have a 100 per
cent record, visit bottomcent record, visit bottom-placed Orrell where Lua Tuigamala will face his al-der brother Va'aiga, who was instrumental in help-ing Wasps to victories over Buth and Lebester.

John Mitchell, the Wai-

kato No. 8 who was ap-pointed Sale director of rugby this week, makes his league debut for the Cheshire club at home to Bristol Still without the injured Dewl Morris and John Devereux. Sale are poised to take over third place if Northampton Jose. Bristol must make do

tin Corry, who is expected to be sidelined for six weeks after an explorators

will equal last season's re-cord of five successive vio-tories at the start of their Leicester, who are without Dean Richards. The Eng-land No. 8 twisted his knee

on Sunday against Wasps. Bath have rested their rugby league stars Jason Robinson and Henry Paul under their system of squad

rotation for the game against West Hartlepool at The Hec.

Tony Daly, the Austra-lian prop who scored a decisive try against England in the 1991 World Cup final, makes his debut for Sara cens against London Irish at Enfield.

 The Rugby Football Union yesterday cleared the way for overseas stars not wanted by their unions to end their careers in England. The RFU committee decided to scrap the six-month qualification rule and the All Black forwards operation on a torn cartilage in his right knee.
Gloucester, still seeking their first win, have recalled their scrum-half Scott Benton to replace the

Frank Warren has postponed next Tuesday's promotion in Derby because Burton's Nev-

for late clearance for their Canadian forward Mike Morin, writes Vic Batchelder Tomorrow night they face Ayr in the first leg of their B&H Cup quarter-final. Last season Morin, 25, played for Richmond Renegades and Providence Bruins.

Olympic Games

Billy Payne, the lawyer who brought the Olympics to Atlanta, has been hired by Na-tionsBank, a major corporate sponsor of the Games, as a vice-chairman with responsi bility for new business. His salary was not disclosed but he earned more than \$600,000 a year as head of the Atlanta

Rugby Union

## Underwood in battle trim for star wars

lan Malin on a resounding clash of

wallets at Richmond

T IS the game that has been billed as a battle be-tween 16 internationals and two millionaires. Richmond Athletic Ground, for much of this century such an unchanging world that it could be the spiritual home of Old Fartdom, will witness this afternoon the most in-

triguing fixture of English rugby's troubled new dawn. Richmond v Newcastle may be a League Two match but the wallets of Ashley Levett and Sir John Hall have ensured that Sky TV cameras will broadcast a drama with a cast list that reads like an A-Z of the British game in the Nineties: Andrew, Arm-strong, Weir, Clarke, Popplewell, Mason, the Moores Andrew and Brian,

and the brothers Quinnell. Levett and Hall have been season's sub-plot. Depending on one's point of view the two ycoons are either barbarians at Twickenham's gates or far-

sighted entrepremeurs blow-ing away the cobwebs.

Andy Rinley, the former
England No. 8 and personifica-tion of the Cornthlan gama, himself in the former o. "I wouldn't say Sir John but he's obviously on some regional deffication," he said. "Clubs are acquiring manufac-tured identities. I think Newle will fall apart."

Ripley is not alone in his sentiments and many in the in particular, to fall flat on their faces this season. It is unlikely, though. In their last two League games they have scored 74 points at Notting-ham and last week 61 without reply against Blackheath.

Tony Underwood, perhaps Rob Andrew's biggest signing last autumn, scored a try in each game, and another fascinating duel today might be the laft-wing's confrontation with the bulky Jim Fallon, who has returned to Rich-mond after spells with Bath and rugby league's Leeds.

year's World Cup. "Don't sak him about Jonah Lomu." a team-mate said this week. It is all wincingly clear in the see their real value.

memory: how New Zealand's young ox ploughed past Underwood for four tries. how Lomu once flung his marker contemptuously into touch in that semi-final in Cape Town 15 months ago.

Underwood and brother Rory laughed it of all the way to the bank by appearing with Lomu, and their mother Annie in a Pizza Hut advertisement. The money allowed Tony to give up his stock-broker job and recover from

his knee injury before return-ing home to the North-East. Now he is back in an Eng-land squad minus Rory, the country's leading international try-scorer. "Turning professional has been a cul-tural change. I moved back to live in the Tyne Valley life is quieter and more laid-back, he said yesterday before de-parting for Richmond.

certain. People ask me what I do all week. There's training every afternoon and meeting with the club coaches and phy sios. I've found no problem in filling in the time but the crucial thing is that we're allowed time to rest.

an expansive display but it's mond just don't know how good we are yet. In the old days you knew how teams like Leicester. Bath and Now nothing is certain. Everyone is adapting to the law changes and trying play a more fluid game."

Tony was on the right wing and Rory on his preferred left when they played together for No. 11 shirt for his club an international return cannot be whose 10 tries in 20 appearances bear comparison with the strike rate of his older

Tony's defensive frailties may have been exposed by Lomu but it was England's tactics that were more at fault on that fateful Sunday; he is still a potent attacker

He played through the 1999 with that painful knee injury. Newcastle are helping to has been cleared and the deresurrect Underwood's career mons expunged from his

## Carling granted his fly-half | Gibbs back in wish against England No.10 Wales squad

Devid Planmer

COTT GIBBS is set to resume his career with Wales 2% years after joining St Helens. The Swansea centre has been named in a squad of 21 for Wales's in-ternational against Italy in Rome next Saturday and is almost certain to start the

Gibbs returned from St Helens to Swansea in the sum-mer and, even though he has played only six matches this season, the Wales coach Kevin Bowring believes the 25-year-old is ready to add to his 20 caps.

Gibbs comes in for the injured Nigel Davies, who damaged his Achilles tendon leading Wales against France on Wednesday. Gibbs has told Bowring that he wants to be considered only as an inside-

centre.

"When I left rugby union I had been messed about by Wales after returning from the Lions' tour of New Zealand," said Gibbs, "I had made may mark then as a in made my mark then as an in-

back, Wales wanted to play me left and right and even

outside-centre.
"I only want to be considered as an inside-centre and I would love to make the Lions squad for South Africa next ummer."
Gibbs is the first of the six

Wales internationals who have returned home after stints with rugby league clubs to break into the reduced national squad. Lianelli have avoided a po-tential legal row with Orrell

by withdrawing Franc Botics from their team to play at

Pontypridd today.
Llanelli had originally named the former All Black fly-haif in their line-up. Botica has also been withdrawn from the team at Orrell, who claim be is contracted to

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THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER ...

Snooker

JOHN PARROTT's 6-3 win

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hardly potted a ball.

Julie Bradbury and Joanne Goode have reached two semi-finals at the US Open in Orange, California, writes Richard Jago. They are in the last four of the women's doubles and have respectively partnered Simon Archer and Nick Ponting to the same also in the Palma lineup.

Badminton

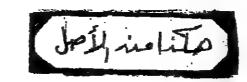
stage of the mixed doubles. If either Englishwoman wins both events she will take home \$10,000 (about £6,400).

A new scoring system next week could herald the biggest change in the sport since it began in 1898. Instead of play-ing best of three games, first to 15 points per game, the Dutch Open will experiment with best of five games, first to nine points. For adoption it would need an 80 per cent majority among international federation members.

Athletics Liz McColgan beads a British

will sign it when he returns from holiday. Speculation had linked him with Glamor-gan, Hampsbire and Sussex. team of five women in tomor-row's world half-marathon in Palma, Majorca. Her time of of the 7min tisec, set in Tokyo four years ago, is still a world best. Since finishing only 16th in the Olympic mar-athon she has won three races, including the Great North Run on Tynsside two weeks ago. Zola Pieterse (Budd), the South African who ran for Britain at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, is

illa Brown has a back injury and cannot challenge Russia's Alexander Zaitsev for the European middleweight title. ice Hockey Manchester Storm are hoping



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## Ashkalani's late run can seal mile title

UROPE'S top miler will be decided today when six Group One winners, including three Guineas winners, clash Stakes at the Ascot Festival.

Mark Of Esteem, winner of the 2,000 Guineas at Newman ket, is likely to start favourite and if victorious will put another £199,000 in the pocket of

Sheikh Mohammed, pushing Saeed bin Suroor back to the top of the trainers' table.

Henry Cecil has had a running battle all season with Saeed and defends his lead with Bosra Sham, not seen on a racecourse since winning the 1,000 Guineas in May.

the 1,000 Guineas in May.

It will be a remarkable training feat if Cecil can bring back this filly, after persistent foot problems, to defeat such a glittering array of talent, but nothing this suave genius does should surprise.

After 27 years in the game he has all the "been there, done that" T-shirts; not that he would be seen dead in such common garb.

common garb.
No doubt he will have No doubt he will have looked out one of his more flowery silk ties for this special occasion, but a foppish dress sense should not disguise a flerce will to win.

Bosra Sham showed a similar sort of will when winning the Guineas in adverse cirthe Gumess in adverse cir-cumstances — due to her foot injury she had only heen 50-50 to run the day before — but the farm book does not sug-gest that was a classic Classic. Unfortunately, we can only mess at her real merit and guess at her real merit and there are several here with more proven credentials.

There were similar doubts concerning Mark Of Esteem after he flopped in the St James's Palace Stakes following his hard-fought Guineas win, but he redeemed his reputation with a scintillating performance in the Celebration Mile at

Goodwood. He is only little, but is all quality and has a great burst of acceleration — the hall-mark of a top class racehorse. In the Guineas he beat the much bigger Bijou d'Inde by a short-head and a head al-though, apparently not himself, was way behind that rival in the St James's Palace.

In the best race of the Royal meeting Bijou d'Inde rallied to win by a head from the French colt Ashkalani, whose connections believe he should have won Ashkalani, the French 2,000

winner, is another with a brilthe decisive turn of foot. liant turn of speed and the ar-gument is that he was asked to use it too soon by Mick Kinane, who was unfamiliar with him

Gerald Mosse is back in the saddle today and will no doubt be trying to hang on to Ashkalani until the last possible moment ible moment

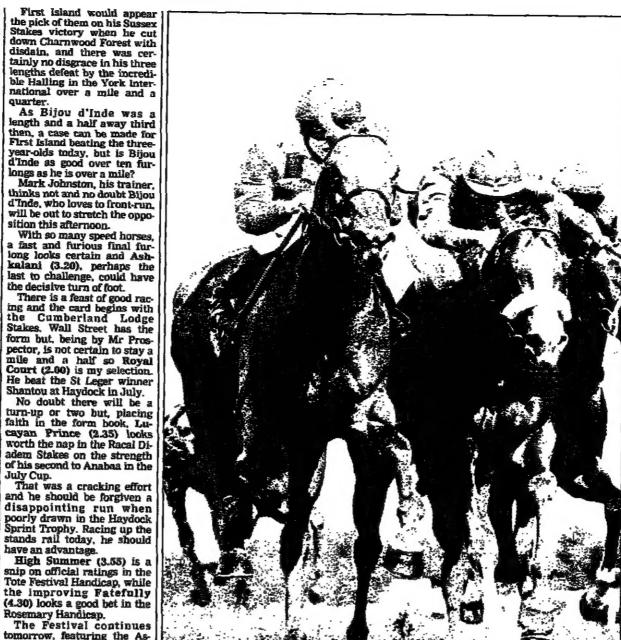
The form of this colt is solid. He has three times beaten the Irish Guineas winner Spinning World, while he had the Coronation Stakes winner Shake The Yoke nearly two lengths behind him in the Prix du Moulin. The field is made up by the

adem Stakes on the strength of his second to Anabaa in the July Cup.
That was a cracking effort older horses Charnwood For-est (another runner for Saeed bin Suroor), First Island and and he should be forgiven a disappointing run when poorly drawn in the Haydock Sprint Trophy. Racing up the stands rail today, he should Soviet Line.

have an advantage. High Summer (3.55) is a snip on official ratings in the Tote Festival Handicap, while the improving Fatefully (4.30) looks a good bet in the Rosemary Handicap. The Festival continues

Shantou at Haydock in July.

tomorrow, featuring the As-cot Fillies Mile in which the sensational Sandown debu-



Rematch . . . Ashkalani (noseband) is pipped by Bijou d'Inde at Royal Ascot. They clash again in today's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes over the same course and distance PHOTO: MARTIN LYNCH

## Carson out of intensive care

week after after suffering serious injury at Newbury.
A spokeswoman for the North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke said yester-

Haydock

WILLIE CARSON has bospital's surgical wards where he remains under tensive care in hospital a the care of consultant surgeon Myrddin Rees."

Carson, 53, was admitted to hospital after being in Basingstoke said yesterday: "Mr Carson is satisfactory. He has now been being treated for severe transferred to one of the liver injuries.

Sensational Sandown debutant Sleepytime will be taken on by the unbeaten Red Camelia and Nashwan's half-sister Sarayir.

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# Results FOLKESTONE 1.50 (1m 19:46 yell): 1,0 MARA, W Rya (7-2): 2, Kantricky Fall (9-1): 3, Selvent (10-1): 1-2 far Uralloyad. 10 rán. 4. 4. 5. Cedil Tole: 54.65; C. 10. C. 49, C. 10. O. O. O. C. 11. 10 CSF C30 63. NR: Classic Form, 50 1 Corril Tota: 24.60; C.1. 10; 11.40; C.1.80; Corril Tota: 25.60; C.3. NR: Classic Form, Sp. pound deducted from witning bets. 2.20 (67): 1, EAGENTY OPLEASE, T.Oui. (3-2), 2, Herver Gold Changer (5-1); Russiam Sable (8-1); 11-4 137 Deary, ran. Hd. at. (Mess Gay Kelleway) 70; 410; C.3. 2, 1.20, C.3. Doual F. 193.00, Tr. (22.90, CSF: 227.13, NR: Senate Swings. 2.80 (58); 1, ANORATO, Martin Day (5-2); 2, Kenss Waters (10-1); 3, Tallwid. (4-5 lev.), 5 ran. U. 5, 16 Kenyr) 10 to 23; C.1.20, C.3. 3, Dear F. E37.50, CSF: 229.78, 2.30 (36); 1, BLEMS LAD, Dano O'Ne (5-1); 2, Silem Key Silem (7-1); 3, Perse und (8-5 lev.) 8 ran. 3, 1 (R Hambor) 10 0.00; C.20, 0, 1-30, C.160, Dual F. Cat. CSF: CSF. SS. Tricast GSS. O. 150, Dual F. Cat. CSF: CSF. 35, Tricast GSS. O. 150, Dual F. Cat. CSF. 127.95, Tricast GSS. 70, 120, C.17. 13, Parsel Rany (11-1); 4, BY Copphorto (7-1), 161 a. 3, 48 Williams 11: 55, 70, 12: 00, CL.20, C.27. CT. (11-1), C. 187. COPPhotos (7-1), 161 a. 5, 1, 48 Williams 11: 55, 70, 12: 00, CL.20, C.27. CT. (11-1), C. 187. CAT. CSF. 246.2 Tricast CSS. 36.

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## Wright in trouble for his Mail shot

AN WRIGHT was back in trouble with the Football Association yesterday after making personal and derogatory remarks about David Pleat. And the Daily Mail stood accused of exacerbating the Sheffield rassment by publishing Wright's comments in the first place when other news-

papers refused.

The FA has written to the Arsenal striker asking for his observations on the comments. which referred to newspaper revelations nine years ago that Pleat was cau-tioned by police three times

Cup tie on Wednesday. He i publish everything was taken was responding to Pleat's pro-test to the FA over two al-leged incidents involving Wright in last week's Premiership game at Highbury, which the Gunners won 4-1. Pleat called for an inquiry

after Wright was seen pulling the dreadlocks of Wednes-day's Dutchman Regi Blinker, and allegedly stamping on the Yugoslav defender Dejan Stefanovic.

Of the papers present when Wright made the comments, all but the Daily Mail decided to quote the player's criticism of Pleat without the offending passages. Not only were they potentially libelious, but there was a mood to spare Pleat embarrassment and also to protect the hot-headed to protect the hot-headed to protect the hot-headed to protect the hot-headed Wright from himself even though the player had told reporters after making the insturn from Arsenal's Uefa that." The Mail's decision to

at a senior editorial level. The Wright comments which were printed in other papers included: "He [David Pleat] can do what he likes. He can report me to the FA. but I just ask why is he doing it. But if I do have to appear at the FA, I'll have my say about David Pleat." He then added

Wright went on: "For him to say I pulled Regi Blinker's hair out of malice is nonsense. It was just a joke. I have spoken to Regi since and he hasn't a problem "There is no way I deliber

came down after jumping for Pleat said yesterday: 'Ian has been misled. His words aren't worthy of comment." He is likely to leave the mat-ter with the FA rather than taking legal action.

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might have caught him as

## **Newcastle and Liverpool** draw European comfort

David Lacey

handed to Newcastle United and Liverpool in the Uefa and Cup Winners' Cups should have reduced the threat of English interests in Europe being wiped out by Christmas. In Scotland, however, Aberdeen have been less

ing more likely contenders in Champions League and Wednesday's win against Rapid Vienna offset the disappointment of losing Aston Villa and Arsenal to Helsing-borg and Borussia Mönchengladbach in the Uefa Cup.

Having overcome the mod-est Firms MyPa-47, Liverpool face another negotiable hurdie in the Cup Winners' Cup. Roy Evans's team will meet Sion, from the French-speaking part of Switzerland, for a

business, as Grasshopper demonstrated in defeating Rangers, but with the opening leg in Sion it will be surpris-ing if Liverpool are beaten Nevertheless Sion's 6-0 aggregate win over the Ukrainians Niva Vinnitsa will have put

Anfield on its guard.

a harder task against Ferenc-varos, the Budapest club that once produced such talents as Florian Albert and Sandor Matrai. Hungarian football continues to decline but Fer-encyaros have just knocked out Olympiakos 5-3 on aggregate, so something of the old quality clearly lingers on. Cup as a consolation for failing to qualify in the Champi-

ons League, Gothenburg de-feating them 4-1 over two games. Like Liverpool, Newcastle play the away leg first and, unless they are soundly beaten in Budapest, they

the Uefa Cup by Hamburg and Champions League, there is Scotland to consider and there may soon be even less.

Barry, face Brondby, the Dan-ish conquerors of Liverpool in last sesson's Uefa Cun, and may struggle. Broadby routed another Swiss side, Aarqu, 7-0 on aggregate in the first round.

UEFA CUP: Becord routes Dinamo Tallist (Geo) v Bosviate (Por): Legis Warsev & Beskias (Tur): Slevis Prague v Valencis; Hamburg SV v Sparisk Moscow; Vionia Guinaraee (Por) v Anderiacht, Karleruhe v Rome: Heisingborge v Nauchalel Xemax (Switz): Espanyol v Payanoard: Glub Bruges v Matlonal Bucharest: Borusela Worthengladbach v Monaco; Internationale v Salma Graz last season's Uefa Cup, and

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#### of Dominic Matteo Forest open to takeover Michael Walker on Liverpool's defender

takenger with the club board of directors having already met to discuss ap-proaches by potential

The chairman Fred Reacher, who denied that one of the bids had been made by the Manchester-based Conrad Sports, said last night: "I have been ex-ploring possibilities for some time because I only want what is best for Nottingham Forest Football

ressional advisers and I Football Association with bringing the game into dispersonally in stepping down if the right deal could following comments the

"I am looking for suffi-

**TEAM SHEET** 

Chelsoa v Nottingham Forest

Coventry's Bolgian bill-back Regglo Gen-erit is evallable again after a groin injury. Blacknam can recall Garry Fillardt, sheft E million signing from Manchester City, and Jason Wilcox could get the first Pre-morable start of the sueaon Graham Fen-lon is Goubitel with a shouldor injury.

Dorby can rucell wing-back Chris Powell and the Croalisms Aljosa Asanovic and Igor Stimac. Shiker Ashley Ward starts this first Premipriship match. Vinnid Jones roturns for Wimbledon after suppension.

vears and all I am interested in is us continuing to do that at the very highest level."

The stumbling block could be Forest's 209 share-holders, who are effectively the power behind the throne at the City Ground. A 75 per cent agreement among them would be required for any takeover to be sanctioned.

Everton's Joe Royle yes-terday became the second Premiership manager this Goodison Park manager made to the referee David

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Leicaster v Leeds

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Rangers Stadium, Loftus Road, London

OTTINGHAM Forest eds and Liverpools of this are being lined up for a multi-million pound alongside them for many guson sent off in the final minutes.

Coventry's Ron Atkinson along with his assistant Gordon Strachan, are also on a disrepute charge after incidents during the match against Chelsea last month, when Paul Danson was the referee.

the same test a month later.

That unlikely double became a distinct possibility on Thursday when the England squad for the Poland match on October 9 was announced. At 22 Matteo is 13 months older than Beckham but in Palving terms the Literacol. The Aston Villa winger Franz Carr is trying to resurrect his career in Italy. The 30-year-old Carr, still under contract at Villa Park, is hoping to secure a deal with the Serie A club Reggiana, where he is cur-rently having trials. playing terms the Liverpool defender's rise to prominence is even more dramatic.

If, as the former Scotland

Frank Stapleton has resigned as coach of the American League club New England Revolution. The former Arsenal and Repubclent capital coming into Elleray last weekend in the the club for us to keep pace last weekend in the fourth coach to resign in with the Manchester Unit- burn at Ewood Park.

#### A N Other

been called up. Yet, while Beckham had played almost 50 league games before mak-ing Glenn Hoddle's squad, Matteo has made 20 fewer ap-pearances for his club. VEN at this distance in time many will remem-ber with affection the fairfive games and was taken off in two. Then, though, Matteo haired Bilston-born goal-keeper who distinguished the English game's immediate post-war seasons. For 10 years he played under a callis by a sloping roof while success flowed from the team in a river of old gold. England recalled him when he was 35. He also



Performance of the week: David Beckham (Manchester United), who was outstanding against Rapid Vienna in the Champions League on Wednesday.

the England manager also saw Liverpool's previous two league games. When Hoddle has not been present his as-sistant John Gorman has and manager.
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of David Beckham playing for

England by September; fewer

Dominic Matteo performing the same feat a month later.

and Liverpool defender Alan Hansen says, "he's a better player at 22 than I was", then

maybe we should not be too surprised that Matteo has

Last season he started only

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ans's three-man central de-

fence behind Mark Wright, Phil Babb, Neil Ruddock and

John Scales, But, with the for-mer Wimbledon man injured

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himself over more than eight or nine games but all the signs are there," added Hoddle. "We keep asking if we can find footballers from the back. This kid can certainly play with the ball and he de-fended extremely well against Vialli and Hughes."

The England manager also revealed that he and Gorman first became aware of Matteo a few seasons ago, when Hod-dle was the Swindon playermanager. "We liked what we saw then. We like him even more now."
Indeed, when Hoddle

moved on to Chelsea, Gorman made an effort to lure Matteo to the County Ground. "It was our chief scout Les O'Neill who told Glenn and me about Mattee. When Glenn left I tried to sign him, but only on loan because I knew how highly Liverpool rated him. I needed him to replace Glenn in all honesty." But Gorman failed, as did about 30 other clubs. The only one to succeed was Sunder-land, for whom Mattee played one game, a 2-0 defeat at Barnsley 18 months ago. It turned out to be Mick Bus-ton's last as Sunderland's manager. he played him on in more than three years, he impressed with his ease on the wing. Asked if he enjoyed it, Matteo replied: "No, I'm last Saturday when Matteo not a left-winger."

at left-back for England Youth erpool it is as a central delender that Matteo bas most comfortable. Starting out of position in

some of his early games, Matteo was uncertain and illus-trated why his emergence has Matteo's performances have taken more than three sea-always been rated "nine out sons since his Liverpool of 10", according to the debut under Graeme Somess. taken more than three seadebut under Graeme Souness Part of the Robbie Fowler Steve McManaman genera-tion, Matteo has taken the longest to mature said Steve Heighway, the head of youth development at Liverpool.

"Dominic was always going to need a bit longer both emotionally and physically," Heighway said, "but we were prepared to give him more time to make him believe he can be a great player. Robbie was ready earlier but we are all thrilled with Dominic." It was Kenny Dalglish who

first brought Matteo to Heigh-way's attention. Watching Birkdale United where Dalg-lish's son Paul was turning out for another age group on an adjacent pitch, Dalglish says he "saw a talent" and in-troduced the 12-year-old to Antield After a lengthy Liverpool education, where he has been "taught the right things by the right people". Dalglish feels Matteo is now "very mature. I think the time is right for him to get his

chance". Born in Scotland of English Born in Scotland of English parents with Italian ancestry. Matteo was eligible for all three countries but chose England. They have now responded. "We could have said, "Let's look at him for the whole season and pick him for the last game", "said Gorman, "but we thought; "He's in form now let's rick him now." now; let's pick him now."

## There's no substitute for 12 grand

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

N INSIGHT into the life of a pro footballer. Rangers's players get £12,500 for each Champions League game. Paul Gascoigne was on the bench in one of last sea-

"Gordon Durie was feeling tired," he recalls. "The gaffer said, 'er Coisty, quickly get ready, you're going on'. So Coisty's got ready and I know he's thinking there's a minute left and he's still gunna get twelve and a half grand and he's getting excited. 'Check me boots, check me boots' and he's dying to get on-And all of a sudden Durranty went down.

"So Durranty's coming off [and a midfielder has to go onl and I'm giving it like, 'well done Durranty, you've battled well', and Coisty's giving it, 'you bastard, you bastard, I can't believe it. You've done me up. I want half your money'. Cost him six and a half grand to Coisty." (From Gazza's Coming Home, C4, Monday week).

OPTIMISM is alive at Maine Road. With City 5-1 down on aggregate by half-time of Tuesday's home Cocs-Cola Cup second-round tie against Lincoln, the Tannoy an-nounced: "The home league game on October 5 has been postponed and will now be played on October 23." This being the date of the Coca-Cola Cup third round, the announcer added: "This, of course, is dependent on

THE Sunderland de-fender Martin Scott scored the only goal in Tuesday's win over Wat-ford. He always bets on himself to score the first goal, but because of profes-sional ethics his father puts holiday. And the odds were 25-1.

CHESTER'S guest of hon-our for last Saturday's home game was announced as Gyles Brandreth, who would be paraded at half-time. Come the break the announcer apologised: Mr Brandreth had phoned to say he get lost on the way. say he got lost on the way

to the ground. Locals were not impressed: Brandreth is the city's MP (from John Wilcox, Chester)

ALAN SHEARER is al-ready a household name. Soon his cousin could be too — and not just because he is called Hoover. Louis Hoover is a Sinatra-style jazz singer, real name Steve Sparling, who plays Ronnie Scott's tomorrow evening, and cousin Alan plans to be there. In picking up nicely.

HE Hawthorns, or the Poorthorns? West Brom's manager Alan Buckley could not believe he was refused a free programme at last Wednes-day's home reserve game, a vendor insisting on the full 40p. And the club chairman Tony Hale defended the de-cision: "At the end of the day we've got to get money in otherwise supporters will complain about not having cash to buy players." (From Charles Ross of, need we ask, the Wolves fanzine, A Load of Bull.)

GARY NEWBON'S Talk Radio show last Satur-day was discussing Ar-Rorussia Mönchengladbach and that weekend's result: Mönchengladbach 5, Borus sia Dortmund 1. "Ba for Arsenal," said Newbon. "but a terrific result for Borussia derby."

DRUG-FREE Paul Amerson is recalled by Arsenal team-mate Scott Marshall reading on the flight back from Cologne? Irvine Welsh's Ecstasy.

WHO SAYS Vinnie Jones bears a grudge? football memories, proceeds going to the Founda-tion for Children with Leukaemia. Gary Lineker, whose son had the disease. is a patron. At the book launch Jones handed over £2,000 comprising fees other contributors.

STUART PEARCE is cur-rently advertising Ra-leigh bikes, but apparently only got the job because Forest thought the company had asked about

Scottish preview

#### **Burns turns down the flame** for the first Old Firm game

Patrick Glenn

THE Celtic manager Tommy Burns is well aware of the passions roused by this afternoon's first Old Firm confrontation of the sea-son and is playing them down. "If Walter [Smith] and I chose to speak about this match in a certain way we could turn it into a minor war," he said. "Instead we treat it simply as a game both

of us want to win.
"We don't talk to the players about the factors which surround the match, either, because they live through that all the time." In fact the fans at Ibrox will

need no encouragement when it comes to belligerence. History, tradition and indoctrinated contempt will take care of that. Burns is right, however, to

highlight the importance of the fixture in the context of the 36-match Premier Div-ision. Last season the results of the Old Firm games swung the championship Rangers' way and the new champion-ship seems to be turning into a similar two-horse race.

"Last year we were just going along trying to get things better when we suddenly

we had no awareness they would determine the outcome of the league. But they did.
"Now it's changed and that possibility is obvious. It doesn't mean that whoever

wins tomorrow will take the title, because we play each other four times and there are opportunities to retrieve things. But the winners would clearly take a big psychological advantage." Burns's problems, apart

from finding a way of beating a Rangers team who went through the series undefeated last season, include an injury to Jorge Cadete that will keep him out of the fray. There are also differences between the manager and Pierre van Hooydonk that may put the Dutch forward on the bench. Van Hooydonk, the club's leading scorer, was a substi-tute against Hamburg on Tuesday and there is talk of his leaving in the coming weeks. Celtic will continue to be without the Scotland midfielders Paul McStay and Phil

Delicers Paul McStay and Phil O'Donnell as well as the left-back Tosh McKinlay. Simon Donnelly may be recalled. Smith also has problems up front, with Ally McCoist and Stuart McCall out and Gordon Durie and Erik Bo Andersen found ourselves in contendoubtful. If either plays it will tion," said Burns. "So in the be a gamble.

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## Facing oceans of adventure a world away from home

Simon Montague, who will be writing regularly for the Guardian throughout the race, describes the hardships facing the 14-man crews of the 14 yachts that set off tomorrow on their 30,000-mile voyage

big waves in a near gale. The sailor's worst enemy, sea-sickness, had me in its grip and in two days all I had held and in two sa banana and a glass of water. We had just completed yet another sail change and crawling back strength had been sapped

from me. That taste of ocean racing came earlier this summer as the fleet of BT Global Chal-lenge yachts was put through day qualifying event, from Southampton around Ireland's notorious Fastnet

The compensation was that the yacht I was on, Nuclear Electric, won the race. Somehow any amount of agony seems worthwhile to be first back to the quayside. Never-theless I should not like to repeat the experience as we set out on the real thing tomorrow lunch-time. Conditions may dictate otherwise. A wet and windy forecast suggests we could struggle to find our sea legs before the weather kicks them out from

under us.
For everyone on board the 14 identical yachts it will be the beginning of the adven-ture of a lifetime: the almost mbelievable prospect of rac-ing 30,000 miles the "wrong way" round the world against the prevailing winds and

The organiser is the vet-eran yachtsman Chay Blyth, who 25 years ago became the first person to complete the trip non-stop. For the crew volunteers this time, howstop off and see the world. | and, most terrifying of all, my

LAY in the cockpit, gasping for breath. It was two o'clock in the morning and we were driving into big waves in a near gale. The first leg takes us to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil with subsequent legs round Cape Horn to Wellington in New Zealand, then Sydney, Cape Town and Boston before returning to Southernston in returning to Southampton in

NDER the command of Richard Tudor, from a spray-torn foredeck, I skipper, my crew-felt as if the last ounce of mates and I find ourselves in mates and I find ourselves in the unique position of sailing on the defending champion. We are all keen to repeat the success of three years ago when, after eight months, Nuclear Electric won the British Steel Challenge by the extraordinarily thin margin of minutes.

None of us is under-estimating what that means: the daunting prospect of pushing a 40-ton yacht as fast as it will go 24 hours a day for weeks on end. It is going to demand total concentration by the helmsman and endless trim-ming and changing of sails in pursuit of boat speed. The reward, or the incentive to push harder, will come with the regular satellite reports plotting our progress relative to the rest of the fleet. Now, as we wait for the

starting gun, the whole thing still seems unreal. Am I ready for something I had never even considered doing eight months ago (I have filled one of the last smallshle hersheld). of the last available berths)? Having competed in the Fastnet race in 1993, did I not promise myself I would never go to sea for more than six days at a time again? Nevertheless I have burnt the bridges behind ms. Someone else now fills the role of transtrip non-stop. For the crew volunteers this time, how-ever, most of whom have paid South-east. Tenants have nearty \$20,000 to participate, moved into my flat, the trusty there is at least a chance to VW Golf has a new owner

> roller-coaster ride as the we shall have to cross. Among my crew-mates

> > To impose such separation on family and friends may eem umbearably harsh, even selfish, but this race touches everyone and demands com-mitment from all. It will be just as much a challenge for those who stay at home.

tory to my bank account.

And now here in Southampton we are rushing to com-plete the seemingly never-ending list of last-minute tasks. We have stripped and greased the huge winches that must spin seamlessly and endlessly as we trim for speed; we have checked every inch of the huge sheets of yel-low sailcloth and the sheets. guys and halyards that will control them. At the back of our minds is the knowledge that the more thorough our preparation the better our chance of avoiding unexpected crises and timeconsuming repair at sea. We know what being fast means in terms of personal sacrifice. Every ounce added to a boat slows it, so even

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underwear are regarded as enough for a month.
Our life style will be equally regimented, split into two watches that change every four hours at night and every six hours by day; only during the two main meals, breakfast and dinner, will all 14 crew members be together.

Eating well will be crucial to sustaining physical strength and morale: with no refrigerator or freezer on board, fresh food will last only a few days. In cupboards below bunks and under floorboards we have stowed the unremit-ting diet of dehydrated delights that will follow.

Energy-giving high-carbo-hydrate food like pasta, rice and re-constituted potato will become the mainstay, accompanied by curries and Bolognese sauces re-vitalised sim-ply by adding water and heat. Whoever is in the galley will be encouraged to make liberal use of dried herbs and spices to vary the taste and flavour.

So we are prepared for the practicalities and the physi-cal challenge ahead. What remains unknown is how we are affected mentally and emotionally in the weeks to come. Already the next nine months promise as much of a

Simon Wardle is saying good-bye until next July to his 18month-old daughter Alice and his wife Adele, whom he married a fortnight ago. Peter Calvin's fiancée Elaine is due to give birth to their first child this weekend; whether he will see the new baby is touch and go. Our skipper Richard is leaving his new fiancée behind.



tor, takes the helm of the 40-ton BT Challenge entry

## Fourteen into 67 equals a squeeze

Challenge yachts are steel-hulled and designed to be strong, safe and easily handled by 14-member crews of "amateurs", writes

Simon Montague.
Four of the boats are new while the rest have been refitted to an identical stan-

DULT specifically for round-the-world match racing, the 67ft Challenge yachts are steel-hulled and designed to be enough stores, food, fresh water, diesel oil and spares galley, with four-ring gas left for up to seven weeks at bob, small oven and table with cushioned bench seat ing. Beyond that are the home, including radio telefinishing about four tons lighter and nearly 10cm higher in the water.

A central companion-way leads forward to two threeperson and two two-person cabins with canvas bunks that are effectively a crew dard, having competed in the British Steel Challenge three years ago. With space. Heading aft is the

two remaining twin cabins. Each yacht carries 12 Navigation equipment in-sails: four spinnakers, two cludes two global-positionstaysails, four headsails, a trysail and a mainsail, all

stored forward just behind the collision bulkhead. lite and weather faxes by Stored throughout the way of HF radio, a Ray-

home, including radio tele-phone, Telex and E-mail. ing satellite systems, a note-book PC to receive mail by way of the Inmarsat C satel-

## 'They're all coming back'

Chay Blyth has put emphasis on safety, reports Bob Fisher

SAFETY has been the keynote in the planning of the BT Global Challenge. A total of 196 sailors set out on this adventure tomor row and Chay Blyth says "they're all coming back".

No one knows better than Blyth the agony of losing a man overboard during such a race. It happened to him during the original Whitbread Race in 1974 on January 7 when Bernard Hosking was lost from Great Britain II the members of the Parachute Regiment were sailing.

For this race all the crews have undergone rigorous training ever since they vol unteered to take part. Some of this was with Andy Hindley aboard Global Challenge but since January the crews have been allotted to the yachts and skippers with whom they will sail round the world.

They have had knowledge of gales and calms and gained the experience that leads to good seamanship. "This is a race that is a test of seamanship," said Hindley, "not a measurement of the thickness of a sponsor's wallet."

The steel-hulled boats are "bomb-proof". Sometimes there may be a fraction of sail too much but the hulls can cope with the incessant pounding. David Thomas, who designed them, says an excess of stability has to be avoided. "If a boat heels readily, there will be less damage to gear. Four years ago they were driven to windward in 60 knots of wind, thumping their way through the waves of the Southern Ocean at 8 4 knots." The whole boat has been de-

signed around one piece of equipment — the winches. These are adequately powerful for the job but not like those in grand-prix racing yachts, so powerful that the quick time. Andrew Roberts. the project manager for the race, said: "Too much in the wrong hands is

Safety equipment is of the highest standard with three life-rafts on each yacht. Personal life-jacket technology has cost more than £10,000 and each yacht has emer-gency position-indicating radio beacons (EPIRB) which, when activated, will identify the vessel and position it to within two miles, the signal being relayed by satellite to land-based rescue co-ordination centres around the world.

Blyth will no doubt count them out on Sunday and be there to count them in at all the stop-over ports and when yacht are enough food sup- theon radar system and, if placed they return to Southampton after the world's toughest plies for more than 2,000 in- all else fails, a sextant.

#### Weekend fixtures

Dates refer to departure dates from each port

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Coventry v Blackburn ...
Derby v Wimbledon ...
Everton v Sheff Wed ...
Leicester v Leeds (a-1) ...
Southampton v Middleabr

West nam v Liverpool

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Ossett Tr, Durham C v Consett; Halliac Th
Wilshop Audikland; Annold Th v Filaton;
Morecambe v Guiselley; Ashkon Utif v
Netherfield; Shiphridge Cellen v Ossett
Alb, Winstord Utif v Newtosste Tr, Frickley
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Stockport v Gillingham
Walsali v Bury Third Division

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Darlington v Fulham —
Exeter v Cambridge Utd —
Hartlepool v Chester —
Lincoln v Cardiff Mansfield v Hereford.

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Ayr v Stranzer
Clyde v Brechin
Dumbarion v Stenhousemuir
Hamillon v Queen of South Third Division Allos v East Stirling

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Charlion Art; Portsmouth v Arseral
(10.30): OPR v Tottenham (10.45): Wattord
v Southend Utd. Second Divisions Barnet
v Bristol C: Bournemouth v Breatlond;
Crystal Paisce v Brighton; Codord Utd v
Southamoton; Swindon v Colchester Utd
(12.0): Tottenham v Luton Tr; Wimbledon v
Reading; Wycombe v Bristol Rvrs.
LEAGUE OF WALLES: Bangor C v Briton
Fenry; Casrews v Cemees Bay; Carrianthen Tr v Rhyl (2.6): Connah's Cusy v
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v Newsown; Inter Cable-Tel v Liansansfrait; Porthymading v Ebbe Valer; Ton
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Newy v Larne.

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(2:30); Second Division: Abercynon v 
Pontiypool (2:30); Backwood v South 
Welse Police (2:30); Bankwood v Cross 
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Connacht (2.30, Belfast),
COURAGE CLUBS: CSLAMPIONS-MPPMetilemal Laurgee Once Bith v West Harllepoot; Lalcagier v Giouceater; Lich Irige v
Saracens; Northampton v Harlequins; Orrat v Wasge; Salev Seristo, Laurgee Twee
Blackheeth v Moseley; Mottingham v Lon
Scottisth; Richmond v Newmalle (2.15);
Pagby v Bestont; Walkeheld v Roderham;
Walterico v Coventry, Laurgee Traves Cifton v Liverpool St Helsen, Pytde v Havant,
Leeda v Exeter; Lich Weigh v Wharfaclais;
Lydney v Roestyn Pi; Morley v Otley.

ton v Liverpool St Helens, Fylde v Havant, Leods v Evetsr, Lin Weish v Wharhadais, Lydney v Rosslyn Pic, Morley v Otley, Redrint v Reading, Walsall v Harrogais, Lesuper Pours Revide Aspatria v Winningson Pic, Hereford v Stourbridge, Manchestar v Britishandson Stote-on-Tran v Lichfield, Worcealer v Kendal, Seathe Asloans, v Henning; Barking v Mawbury, Camberley v Weston-Sidare; High Wycombe v Berry Hill; North Walsham v Charton Pic Pymouth v Met Police; Tabard v Chellenham.

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Patricis (2.30); Luigh Miners v Beverley
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Woolston v West Hull (2.30). Second Direlation: Askam v Thornhill (2.30); Barrow is
v Leigh E (2.30); Bischbrook v Walney Conpris (2.30): Alcidgreen v E Leode (2.30);
Outton v Millem (2.30); Wigns St Judes v
Eastmoor (2.30). Second Direlation Devebury Moor v Staffaugh (2.30); Hull Doctors
v Ovenden (2.30); Millerd v Shaw Cross
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(2.30); Redhill v Esclee (2.30). INTERMATIONAL Papus New Guines

ACADEMY: Finels: Challenge Castleford v & Helens (3.30). Plate: Oldham v Walefield (1.30). TOUR MATCH: York Presidents Ice Hockey

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v Kayr (8.0);
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(6.30); Swandon v Kingston (5.30); Telbril v
Guildigrd (7.30); Temovrous: Guildigrd v
(5.30); Sebull v Stough (7.0); Swindon v
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BUDWISSER LEAGUE Derby v Birmingham (7.30); Manchester v Leoperts (7.30); Hemel & Walford v Chaster (7.30); Thames Valley v Sheffield (8.0); Worthing v Crystall Palaco (8.0); Townorvers Ghester v Manchester (8.0); Leicester v Derby (6.0); London v Homel & Walford (5.0); Newcaste v Thames Valley (5.30); Sheffield v Worthing (5.30).

NATIONAL LEAGUE Men: Pivet Divisions (8.0); Mid Sussea, v Odord (7.30); Solent v Prymouth (8.0); Merc v Bury & Bolton (8.0).

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Tomorrow MATIONAL TROPPLY: Poel Shropshire v Ware (4.0).

REMINIMAL LEAGUE: Horth: Bar Phyding v Harrogale; Cheeler v Timperle Formby v Southport, Neston v Swalwei Ehefflet Bankers v Norton; Springfields Ramgarhia. CLUB MATCHES: Chalmstord v Ipswi ES: Colchester v Oto Southentlians.

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Hempsteed: Reading v City of Portsmouth;
Southempton v Tutse Hill; Winchesters Hill;
v Woking. Weets Colvell v Bourcemouth;
Easter v Yatts; Loominister v St. Auslell;
Padiend v Wimborne. Towersvers Besterhoff as V Bury St Edmand; Harleston M v Cambe C; (powtch il v Sevencelor, MVG v Ashborf, Stortter Garlisle v Poymon;
Chester v Blachburn; Liverpool v Shelfield;
York v Welton.

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MATIONAL LEAGUE. Premier Divident Cannock v Hayant (2.30); E Grinstand v Southgate (2.1); Guidford v Barford T (12.0); Old Loughtonians v Houmslow (1.30); Reading v Canherbury (2.0); Teddington v Surbidon (12.0). Paret Divisions: Hull v Harteston (2.0); Indian Gym v Boselon (2.30); bose v Blueharts (1.30); Lawes v Bournville (1.30); Octord Hawto v Bromby C2.30); Oxford think v Brooklands (2.0); Shelliolo v Portements (2.0); S. Albare v Doncester (2.0); Surport v Eigheston (2.30); Trojans v Firebrands (12.30); Warrington v Slouesider (19.12.30); Warrington v Slouesider (19.12.30); Warrington v Slouesider (19.12.30); Womenses MATIONAL LEAGUE. Premier Divisions Highton v Ipswish (1.0); Leicaster v Cilicon (12.30); Burbin G. v Doncester (1.30am); Trojens v Blough (1.30, First Divisions Bedens v Wimbledon (12.0); Blueharts v Bracknell (2.30); Bradlord v Canterbury (12.30); Second Divisions Elementum v Ealing (12.0); Sterwood v St. Albans (2.30); West Willing v Club Loughtoniane (12.0); Westing v Loughbor-stern Starkets (2.0);

Hockey

#### League begins in anger over absent stars

**Pat Rowley** 

TALF the 12 clubs that make up the reformed Premier Division of the National League must each play their first four games without a number of top players because the Hockey Association does not allow postponements.

All six clubs - Cannock, All six clubs — Cannock, Canterbury, Guildford, Hounslow, Old Loughtonians and Teddington — have play-ers representing either Scot-land or Wales in the 14-team World Cup preliminary at Ca-clieri in Sardinia an event gliari in Sardinia, an event crucially important for their countries as the stepping stone back to top international competition.

Clubs releasing players for such an event would have been granted postponements in any other country but the HA precludes this even when there are England commit-ments. It is a highly unpopular rule. Cannock, the league cham-

pions for the first time last season, suffer heavily: they ers in Chris Ashcroft, Paul Edwards, Simon Organ and lan Hughes-Rowlands and their coach Malcolm Wood and manager Martin Gilbody are in charge of the Wales

"No postponements is ludi-crous," said Wood yesterday. "Everyone is saying England and Great Britain should perform better. So we make im-provements to the league, reducing the Premier to 12 clubs playing home and away, and then make a mockery of that.
''One has to question

whether the HA want to have their best club representing England in Europe; whether they want successful teams to attract interest and

sponsorship. "I believe Cannock could be even better than last year but now we shall have to hope that we have sufficient depth to cope for four matches." The Premier Division opens

tomorrow when Cannock host Barford and they will also be below full strength against Southgate, East Grinstead and Canterbury. Canterbury, who visit the HA Cup holders Reading on Sunday, are without Wales's Dave Hacker, Mark Smith and Alistair Carruthers.

severely, having to provide five players for the Wales squad. At least their initial opponents Old Loughtonians find themselves in a similar predicament with Colin Hector. Alasdair Seaton and David Ralph being called up by Scotland, Ralph was added to the squad only yesterday.

Hightown and Ipswich, the champions and runners-up in the Women's National League last season, meet in the competition at Formby today. The promoted Trojans are at bome to Slough.

The former champions

Hounslow are hit even more

Derek Malcolm reviews the latest film (1) releases every Friday in

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**Back where** he belongs Tony Underwood returns to the fray



Round the world in 280 days Facing up to the Global Challenge

# The Guardian



ew man about town . . . Damon Hill looking relaxed in London after signing a one-year contract with TWR Arrows, whose owner Tom Walkinshaw looks on

## Hill falls for smart Footwork

Alan Henry on the pit-lane coup that lured Formula One's championship leader to the lowly-ranked Arrows team

motor racing world yesterday when he anunced that he will be joinng the TWR Arrows team for Footwork cars running on Japanese Bridgestone tyres. The news has stunned For-mula One but left Tom Wal-

TWR, chuckling with delight looking forward to working that the sport's hitherto reliable grapevine failed to anticipate the biggest coup in Two highly impressed. Every-

If Hill clinches the world championship at the Japa-nese Grand Prix on October 13 - as he is likely to - it will mean that one of Walkinshaw's cars will carry the coveted No. 1 from the start of

"I have signed for the TWR Arrows team as their No. 1 driver," said Hill. "Tom is best described as the archetypal racing man. He is a racing driver, a championship winner, and I, like many others, credit him with turning round the Benetton team in their successful 1994 and 1995 seasons. He's offered me a truly rewarding package. It's a great challenge and I'm

thing he touches and does is a winner. I don't think anyone is under any illusions about the task ahead. Winning in Formula One is not easy, but I'm left with no doubt about the package and facilities. I believe it will be a winning team and manufacturer."

The second Footwork — car No. 2 next year if Hill takes the title — is expected to be driven by the Brazilian Pedro Diniz, who could help clinch an additional \$10 million co-sponsorship deal from the Brazilian arm of Parmalat, the Italian dairy products

Ever since Frank Williams announced he would be dispensing with Hill's services the sportscar world-champl-three weeks ago, F1 has been onship winner's circle. Wal-riddled with speculation as to kinshaw bought the finanthe British driver's future. Initially, the Silverstonebased Jordan team seemed to lead the race to secure Hill's signature for 1997.

Then Jackie Stewart, one of the sport's heavyweights, pitched in with a bid from his fledgling team, whose first Ford-powered car will not be ready for another 10 weeks.

There was speculation that Benetton might cancel Jean Alesi's contract to make room team, owned by Benetton's Flavio Briatore, would sign him for 1997 in a high-speed "holding pattern" prior to his promotion to Benetton in

in the Eighties when he mas-terminded Jaguar's return to the sportscar world-champi-onship winner's circle. Walcially ailing Footwork team earlier in the season after he failed to purchase the Ligier team from Briatore.

Walkinshaw has derived especial pleasure from outman-ocuvring his fellow Scot Stewart with whom he is vying for media attention as they both build their new grand prix operations.

led by the irony that Stewart had also considered purchasing Arrows earlier this season, but instead opted for a "clean-sheet" approach to building his FI operation. Walkinshaw snapped them up, correctly reasoning that such a move which give him a flying start towards realising his F1 ambitions.

Walkinshaw's TWR opera-tion is now based at a state-of-the-art technical centre at Leafield, in Oxfordshire. It is believed that Hill finally de-cided to make what could be

winner in the future," said

Walkinshaw. "I made contact with Damon just after Monza and ex-pressed my interest in talking to him. He was pretty im-pressed with what he saw at

He will be particularly tick-led by the irony that Stewart had also considered purchas-ing Arrows earlier this sea-one of the fastest in the world with a lot of experience in testing. There is no one better to fulfil the role we need for

next year than Damon."
Hill now faces racing a brand new car on tyres from Bridgestone, a company new to F1 next season, rather than the Goodyears he was pravi-ously familiar with at Williams. Hill will also face the

under the direction of the rectors and critics, 10 months highly respected former chief engineer at Cosworth; Geoff Goddard, will take some role in the development and main-tenance of the Yamaha

## Wenger can make pitch for new breed



David Lacey

can formally take over, then obviously the job is not quite what it was when George Alli-son, the plummy-voiced journalist and broadcaster, suceeded to the post on the eath of Herbert Chapman.

The arrival of Arsene Wenger at Highbury comes at a time when management in the Premier League is in a state of change. Losing man-agers will still be sacked but, this unalterable fact apart, many of those in charge of things in the Sixtles, Seventies or even the Eighties.
Ron Atkinson, under pressure at Coventry, is the last of

a sun-tanned breed. The man-agerial type represented by comes close at Wimbledon.

This week one Premier League manager, who has ex-perienced both ends of the fifootball, offered the opinion that his contemporaries had a it came to signing players. They no longer weighed up the pros and cons of a pro-spective buy, he argued. A player simply becomes avail-

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Wenger is a technocrat

with impressive foreign cre-dentials. Arsenal have never had anyone quite like him in ment joined the rest of charge before. In the age of Europe on square two

the secretary-manager Chap-man was an impresario with an eye for publicity. Allison, a club director, left team matters to Joe Shaw and Tom Whittaker, the trainer who eventually became manager. Billy Wright, appointed on the strength of 105 England

caps, was never cut out for management and hid from the players after he had put up the team sheet. Bertie Mee, a promoted physiotherapist in the Whittaker tradition, was a good organiser who knew hor to delegate. Terry Neill, Don Howe and George Graham were coaches who kept faith with the spirit and style of the Arsenal teams for whom they

had played. Is it too much to hope that Wenger will usher in a new age of reason in English foot-ball as a whole and not merely at Highbury? Eventu-ally be will be judged on results like any other man-ager but he should not stand or fall, for example, on the word of Ian Wright.

him here. Speaking antial genius as a manager but English football has missed out by not being part of the

sleep and generally live. In this respect Wenger an Augean example. Cutting out the post-match drinking would be a start. Bobby Rob-son, now at Barcelona, has ob-English players do when they move abroad is lose several

the poorest of examples.
Allison was a radio com-

mentator in the days of "back to square one". Now, in the age of the TV Jumbotron, it is time English football manageを持ている。 のでは、 ので



## Walkinshaw the driving force behind Arrows

came involved in motor racing behind the wheel of a Formula Ford Hawke in 1968, but it was not until the early Eighties that he established himself as one of the sport's most imaginative business minds, writes Alan Henry.
He founded Tom Walkin-

shaw Racing as a specialist preparation company in 1976, and six years later persuaded Jaguar's chair-man John Egan to help support his racing programme with a Jaguar XJS coupé in which Walkinshaw won the 1984 European Touring Car

TOM WALKINSHAW, the owner of the TWR driver that year but TWR Arrows team, first bestrengthened its parinership with Jaguar to build the series of racing coupés that won the World Sports-car Championships in 1987,

> In 1991 he took control of the Benetton Formula One team's technical department and masterminded the recruitment of Michael Schumacher. He stayed with Benetton until the German driver won his first world

championship in 1994.
In 1995 he began a technical partnership with Ligier, and moved into Formula
One in his own right earlier this year when he bought the Arrows team



Walkinshaw . . . imaginative

**Quiz Answers** 

1. (c) CBff Richard, who broke a fellow actor a lease while rehearing a fight scene in his new musical,

2. Luvvie. 3. (c) Mariella Frostrup 4. (b) Norma Major, laun her new book on Chequ 5. John Kennedy Jur 6. General Alexander Le 7. (c) Prince William, who was involved in a crash between two Range Rove at Baimoral.

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14. All three: the Libbers in Brighton, the Raving Loss in Ashburton, the SNP in

15. (b) Iron Maiden, whose ominently humanishie hits — like Bring Your Daughter to the Sizughter — have been omitted from the Radio 1 pizylist.

How you rate: 0-4 Luvvie 5-9 Sweetle 10-14 Darling



On the morning of the 27th, I received a call from the Kremlin: Yeltsin, Khasbulatov and Burbulis had occupied my office at 8.30am and held a party there, emptying a bottle of whisky . . . This was the triumph of plunderers Mikhail Gorbachev

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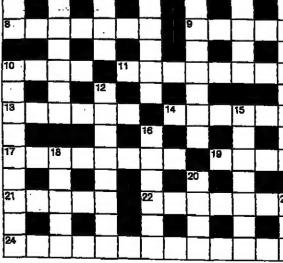
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